







## IFRS 17 Assistance for Actuaries – A view from the IAA

**Dave Finnis** 

Co-Chair of the Education & Practice Subcommittee of the Insurance Accounting Committee

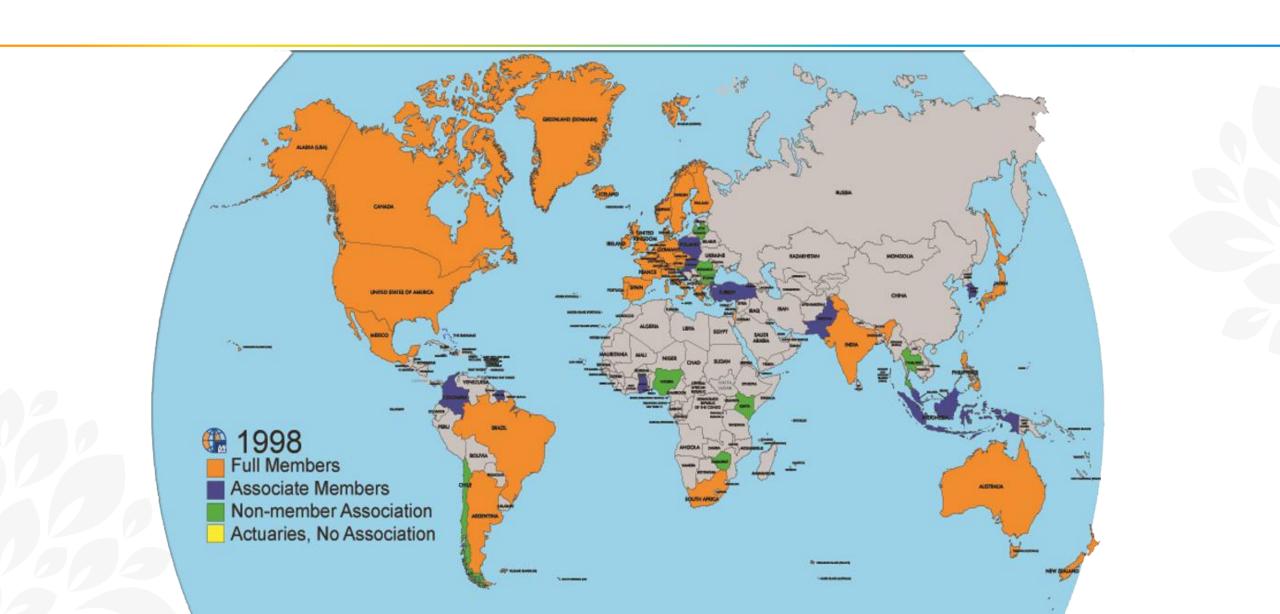
February 19 2020

## About the IAA

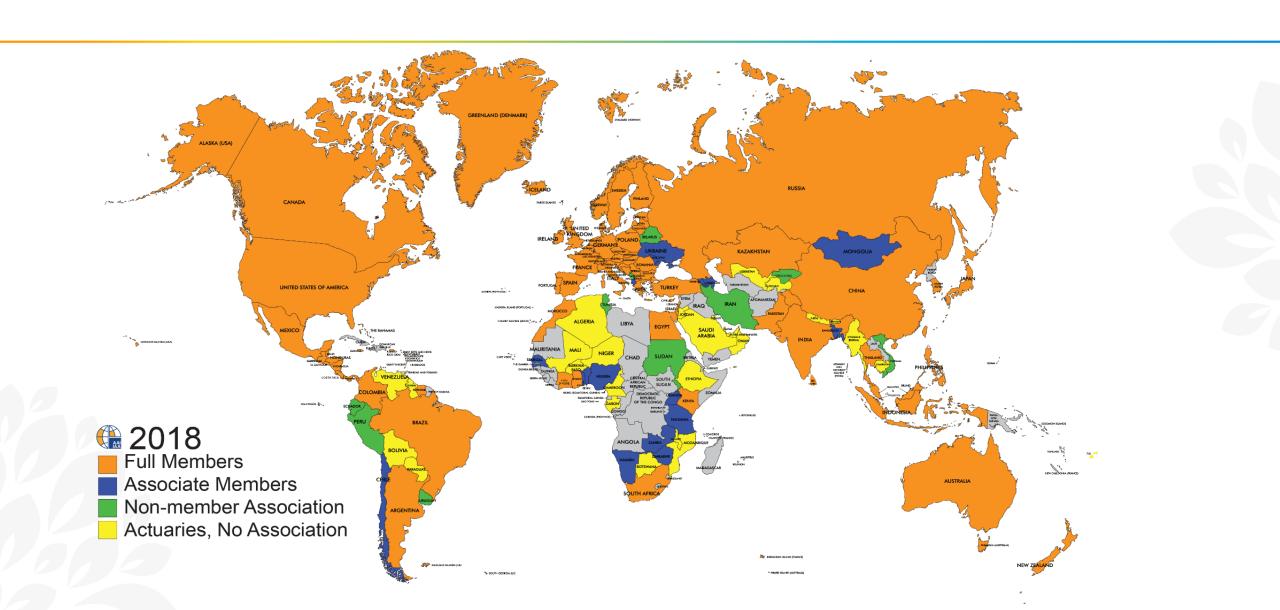
Founded in 1895, and reformed in 1998 with a new constitution, the International Actuarial Association (IAA) is the worldwide association of professional actuarial associations

- 73 FMAs (Full Member Associations)
- 25 AMAs (Associate Member Associations)
- Representing 70,000+ Actuaries in 108 + countries

## The IAA's Membership in 1998



## The IAA's Membership in 2020



## About the IAA

- Council and committees meet twice a year
- 800+ volunteer actuaries
- 300+ conference calls annually
- Seminars, Webcasts
- Sections host Colloquia
- International Congress of Actuaries every 4 years



### The IAA Committees

Membership

Actuarial Standards

Pensions and Employee Benefits

Advice and Assistance

Insurance Accounting

Health

Education

Insurance Regulation

Social Security

Professionalism

Enterprise and Financial Risk

General Insurance IAA helps MAs to achieve their goals as well as representing

actuarial profession worldwide

### Reputation 1

Strong actuarial profession worldwide



Influence

Worldwide representation of the actuarial profession

Forum where MAs come together to exchange ideas and improve practice

#### **Actuaries**



Visions of Actuarial Profession

- Serving the public interest
- Recognized worldwide as a contributor and a major player in the decision-making process



# "Three Layers" of global actuarial support for IFRS17

- International Standard of Actuarial Practice (ISAP4)
- International Actuarial Note (IAN 100) for IFRS17 that supports the ISAP with appropriate guidance
- Various Monographs that assist with focusing existing educational material on IFRS 17 requirements



## ISAP 4

- ISAP International Standard of Actuarial Practice
- The IAA develops ISAPs which are model standards of practice. The IAA encourages its member associations to have in place standards of practice that are substantially consistent with these standards. ISAPs are model standards of actuarial practice and, as such, are not binding on any actuary. All ISAPs are principles based and not prescriptive
- The **Purpose** of the ISAP is to increase intended users' confidence that:
  - Actuarial services in connection with IFRS 17 are carried out professionally and with due care;
  - Results are relevant to the needs, are presented clearly and understandably, and are complete;
  - Assumptions and methodology used are disclosed appropriately.



## ISAP 4 - Scope

- Actuarial services related to IFRS 17
  - for the preparation of IFRS financial statements,
  - when advising a third party such as an auditor or regulator,
  - when advising a potential buyer.



## ISAP 4 – Section 2 Appropriate Practices

- 1. Relevant Knowledge Requirements
- 2. General Measurement Approach
- 3. Variations to the general method PAA & VFA
- 4. Presentation and Disclosures
- 5. Transition



## Progress made – ISAP 4 Exposure drafts

Final IFRS17 -May 2017 1<sup>st</sup> Exposure Draft of ISAP 4 – February 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Exposure Draft of ISAP 4 – February 2019

- Exposure period ended June 30th, 2018
- Comments from 21 organizations or individuals

- Exposure period up to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Numerous changes made to:
  - ☐ Improve clarity
  - Avoid repeats of IFRS 17 or ISAP 1
  - ☐ Fill gaps identified by commenters
  - But none fundamental

## Timeline to Approval

Review of 2nd Exposure draft comments – 4 months

Fatal Flaw – 1 month exposure

Adopted by IAA Council November 2019

 Impact of IFRS 17 changes on ISAP 4 to be addressed later

➤ Access via IAA Website (<u>www.actuaries.org</u> → Publications → ISAP)

## International Actuarial Note (IAN)

- An educational document on an actuarial subject that has been adopted by the IAA in order to advance the understanding of the subject by readers of the IAN, including actuaries and others, who use or rely upon the work of actuaries.
- It is not an ISAP and is not intended to convey in any manner that it is authoritative.
- IANs may be issued
  - a) To assist actuaries in complying with an ISAP, for example by offering practical examples of ways in which actuaries might implement an ISAP or International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) in the course of their work, or
  - b) To provide non-binding guidance on an actuarial topic for which the IAA has not developed an ISAP.

## IAN100 - IFRS 17 (1/4)

- 15 substantive chapters divided into 4 sections
- Format is a series of Questions and Answers

#### Sections and chapters are:

- Introduction and Summary of IFRS/IFRS 17 approach
- Section A General Measurement Approach
  - 1. Classification of Contracts
  - 2. Estimates of future cash flows
  - 3. Discount Rates
  - 4. Risk adjustment for non-financial risks
  - 5. Unit of Account
  - 6. CSM and loss component

## IAN100 - IFRS 17 (2/4)

#### Section B – Variation to the General Measurement Approach

- 7. Premium Allocation Approach
- 8. Contracts with Participating Features and other Variable Cash Flows
- 9. Reinsurance

#### Section C – Uses of Fair Value

- 10. Fair Value
- 11. Business Combinations and Portfolio Transfers
- 12. Transition

## IAN100 - IFRS 17 (3/4)

#### • Section D – Other IFRS17 Topics

- 13. Embedded Derivatives
- 14. Contract Modifications and Derecognition
- 15. Measurement, Presentation and Disclosure

## IAN100 - IFRS 17 (4/4)

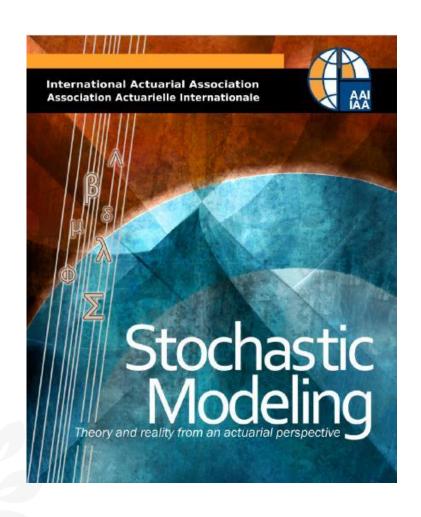
> Anticipated Timeline:

Discuss
comments
during
remainder of
2019

Discuss
2nd Exposure
for further
release early in
2020

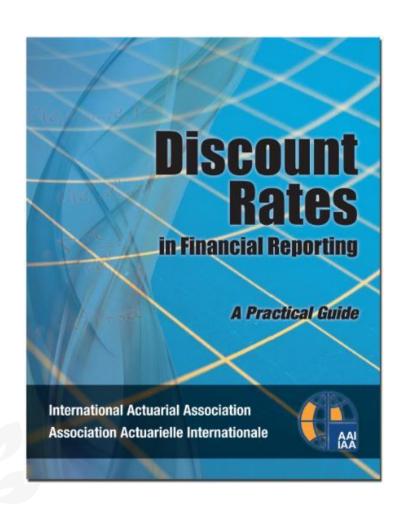
➤ Access via IAA Website (<u>www.actuaries.org</u> → Publications → IAN)

## Monograph on Stochastic Modelling



Stochastic Modelling – Theory and Reality from an Actuarial Perspective is a guide for practitioners interested in understanding more about this topic. It presents the mathematical and statistical framework necessary to develop stochastic models through theory and practical examples.

## Monograph on Discount Rates



Discount Rates in Financial Reporting – a Practical Guide has been written to help practitioners in how to develop and use discount rates for financial reporting including instances where markets are less developed.

## Risk Adjustments for Insurance Contracts under IFRS17



#### Chapters:

- Introduction
- Principles underlying risk adjustment
- Risk adjustment techniques
- Techniques & considerations in quantitative models
- Qualitative assessment & other factors to consider
- Effect of risk mitigation techniques
- Validation of Risk Adjustment
- Disclosure & communication
- Case Studies (7)

## Other Helpful Educational Material produced by the IAA

 Paper: Measurement of Liabilities for Insurance Contracts: Current Estimates and Risk Margins (2009)

- Support for Insurance Regulation
  - IAA "Risk Book" under constant review
  - IAA "Blue Book" ("A Global Framework for Insurer Solvency Assessment")
     2004

### Seminars & Webinars

- Throughout the next few years:
  - Focus on IAA support for IFRS 17 implementation
  - May partner with other organisations



## Thank You

https://www.actuaries.org

