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This informal session, which was planned by the Futurism Section, was designed as a "grass roots" discussion of futurism, particularly those aspects of futurism which are of special interest to actuaries. It was attended by approximately 50 people.

The discussion was very spirited. Since it was unstructured, everyone had an opportunity to speak, and many persons did so with considerable enthusiasm.

The discussion was wide-ranging. Several people explained their concept of futurism. Many agreed that actuaries are by their very nature futurists of a sort, and therefore should have a lively interest in the general topic of futurism.

There was also a discussion relating to the active versus passive role of the futurists. It was pointed out that the true futurist does not merely attempt to predict the future under various scenarios, but also attempts to play an active role in framing the future according to his concept of what the best future should be.

