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Financial Reporting Research Scorecard

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Research is a primary mission of the Financial Reporting Section and is the largest use of section dues. This scorecard will keep section members informed about research projects sponsored or co-sponsored by the section.

Research initiatives in process (updated as of 1/8/2014):

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Project Name	Description	Targeted Completion	Status	Project Oversight Group (POG) Contact
Monograph on Risk Adjustment	A monograph addressing the application of risk and uncertainty in the measurement of insurance liabilities.	Q3 2014	The POG (Project Oversight Group) is reviewing an alternative project plan to accommodate delays encountered around the sourcing and vetting of research materials.	Mark Yu
Illustrating Multiple Measurement Bases and their Application	An illustrative example of applying different accounting regimes to various product lines.	2014	The POG is reviewing proposal responses to select a researcher.	Sam Keller
IFRS	Examines the impact to life insurance financial reporting of the upcoming IASB Exposure Drafts on accounting of insurance contract liabilities.	Q1 2014	The research team is finalizing the project.	Tom Herget
Behavioral Economics Applications to Life and Health Insurance Policyholder and Annuitant Behavior	This is a call for papers to expand actuarial understanding of the theory of behavioral economics and its application to life and health insurance consumer behavior.	Currently ongoing	One paper has already been awarded prize money (\$4K) and is out on the SOA website at: http://www.soa.org/Research/Research-Projects/Risk-Management/Behavioral-Simulations/ . A second paper was recently received and is being evaluated.	Ronora Stryker
IFRS	Examines the impact to life insurance financial reporting of the upcoming IASB Exposure Drafts on accounting of insurance contract liabilities.	Q4 2013	The research team is working with the participating companies to model their product blocks under the proposed accounting requirements. Project completion is expected by the end of October.	Tom Herget

Recently published research of interest to Financial Reporting Section members:

Project Name	Link
IFRS	See www.soa.org/Research for final link to study.
Setting Dynamic Policyholder Behavior	See www.soa.org/Research for final link to study.
PBA Implementation Guide	http://www.soa.org/Research/Research-Projects/Life-Insurance/research-2013-pba-implementation-guide.aspx

Research projects out for proposal: Please visit <http://www.soa.org/Research/Research-Opps/Research-Opportunities.aspx> at any time for a comprehensive list of SOA research opportunities.

Project Name	Link
The Impact of the Transition from a Low Interest to an Increasing Interest Rate Environment on Life Insurers	http://www.soa.org/Research/Research-Opps/Proposal-Request/The-Impact-of-the-Transition-from-a-Low-Interest-to-an-Increasing-Interest-Rate-Environment-on-Life-Insurers.aspx
Tail Risk Analysis and Correlation of Risks in Tail/Extreme Environments	http://www.soa.org/Research/Research-Opps/Proposal-Request/Tail-Risk-Analysis-and-Correlation-of-Risks-in-Tail/Extreme-Environments.aspx

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