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## IAA Colloquium in Lyon

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**N**early 400 actuaries representing 37 countries and territories met in Lyon, France June 23-26 for an International Actuarial Association (IAA) colloquium. The following sections of the IAA all held various parallel sessions during the colloquium:

- Financial Risks and ERM (AFIR/ERM)
- Pensions, Benefits and Social Security (PBSS)
- Life Insurance (IAALS)

The French Institut des Actuaire and the Groupe Consultatif Actuariel Européen also held their joint “Summer School” in conjunction with the IAA colloquium. The event was co-hosted by the Institut de Sciences Financière et d’Assurances (ISFA) based in Lyon.

The opening general sessions featured a number of distinguished speakers and panelists:

- Gabriel Bernardino, Chairman of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)
- Denis Kessler, Chairman and CEO of SCOR
- Éric Lombard, Chairman and CEO of BNP Paribas Cardif
- Bruno Rousset, CEO and founder of APRIL Group
- Thomas Béhar, Chairman of the Institut des Actuaire
- Karel Goossens, Chairman of the Groupe Consultatif Actuariel Européen
- Nicolas Leboisne, Director of ISFA
- Kurt Wolfsdorf, President of the IAA

All sessions operated under the overall theme of “Building a Sustainable Future.”

The French actuaries served as wonderful hosts for the event. Social events highlighted the history and cuisine of France’s second largest city and the surrounding region.

The IAA Colloquia are typically held once a year. They provide an excellent opportunity to meet actuaries from other countries, to stimulate thinking through writing a paper or making a presentation, and to exchange ideas to advance the profession globally. By contrast, the International Congress of Actuaries (ICA) is held only once every four years. Washington, DC will be the host city for the ICA in 2014 from March 30- April 4. More information is available at [www.ica2014.com](http://www.ica2014.com). □