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# International Congress of Actuaries 2018 in Berlin

Actuaries from around the world will meet in Berlin, June 4–8, 2018. The German Association of Actuaries, in conjunction with the International Actuarial Association, will host the 31st International Congress of Actuaries (ICA). The ICA 2018 features a high-class congress program with daily plenary sessions, around 50 invited speakers, over 280 contributed presentations for practitioners and academics coupled with an entertaining social program in the vibrant and historical capital of Germany.

In addition, the editors at *International News* would like to invite all SOA members and International Section members to the SOA-sponsored lunch on June 4. We would further extend this invitation to also include all *International News* readers, authors and editors to join us for a casual evening get together on Wednesday, June 6. Details and RSVP information to follow.

With more than 2,300 international participants and accompanying persons registered, all regular tickets for the ICA 2018 are already sold. For all actuaries who cannot join the conference in person, but still don't want to miss the first class scientific content, a new virtual web-based format—the Virtual ICA (VICA)—will be offered.

## FIRST VIRTUAL ICA

Thanks to the support of a number of institutional partners from the actuarial community as well as several sections of the

IAA, many sessions from the stages in Berlin will be broadcast live online and provided as recorded sessions afterwards. This allows a much broader audience from all over the world to follow the high value content presented during the ICA and helps to secure this knowledge in a sustainable manner. Furthermore, due to the successful call for papers, the VICA will also feature many online presentations of qualified authors that the ICA could not offer a presentation slot in Berlin.

## How to get access to the VICA

The IAA sections AFIR/ERM, ASTIN, IACA, and IAALS (LIFE) have already decided to become a partner of the VICA. This partnerships allows the members of these sections to access more than 100 hours of live streams and videos without any further costs.

Anyone who isn't a member of these IAA sections yet can apply for membership online for \$50. In addition to free access to the VICA, members of the IAA sections benefit from numerous offers of the particular section. For example, cheaper participation fees for colloquia and seminars, academic journals, access to online libraries and the possibility to communicate with colleagues from all over the world via online forums. Information on how to become a member of the IAA sections can be found on <http://www.actuaries.org>.

The Actuarial Society of South Africa, the Actuaries Institute from Australia and the Institute of Actuaries of Japan are partners of the VICA 2018 as well. Members of these partner associations will therefore get free access to the VICA. Organizers of the past and future ICAs support the VICA to establish a new web-based possibility to spread actuarial knowledge in the world.

The Deutsche Aktuarvereinigung e. V. (DAV) is not only looking forward to welcoming many colleagues in Berlin, but invites all section members and members of the partner associations to join the ICA online. For regular information about the ICA, please visit the website [www.ica2018.org](http://www.ica2018.org) and register for the monthly ICA 2018 newsletter. ■

