



ABOUT THE ICA/VICA

Over 200 lectures by more than 250 lecturers, up to 11 parallel lecture halls with a capacity from 60 to 750 participants, plenary and semi-plenary sessions with eminent guest speakers and presentations of best papers in various subject areas – in 2018, the international actuarial expertise will meet in Berlin. Be part of it.

FORMATS

The congress program of ICA 2018 will include a wide variety of different formats suitable for all kinds of talks on actuarial and financial issues. In plenary sessions, internationally renowned speaker will present and discuss the latest topics that the profession will move forward in 2018 and beyond. Plenary Sessions will be held on each day of ICA 2018. While plenary sessions will be highlights for all actuaries attending the congress, the semi-plenary sessions will focus on one or two of the program strands. In these, well-known experts will present forward-thinking topics of the corresponding fields. In addition, numerous parallel sessions of the eight program strands will reflect the wide variety of topics facing the actuarial world.

AWARD SESSIONS

The congress program will also include various sessions in which selected national and international prize winners introduce and discuss their research results. Alongside the ICA 2018 Best Papers Awards and the IAA Section Best Papers Awards, award sessions for various well-known prizes will be integrated into the congress program as well. These include the Bob Alting von Geusau Prize of the AFIR/ERM Section, the SCOR Actuarial Prize or the National Young Talent Awards from France (Concours des Jeunes Actuaires 2013-2017), Germany (GAUSS-Preis), Switzerland (Walter-Saxer-Versicherungs-Hochschulpreis), Portugal (Jovem Atuário), Canada (Canadian Institute of Actuaries Young Researcher Award) and the US (CAS Young Researcher Award).

YOUNG TALENTS PROGRAM

As part of the regular program, ICA 2018 offers three formats that are particularly suitable for the active participation of scientists who are just starting their careers. The “Innovation Platform” and the “Summer School” are workshops that will allow deeper discussion of economically important and mathematically challenging topics.

Anyone who cannot travel to Berlin in person can participate in the “Deep Dive”. This online session, especially designed for young academics, will combine a live talk from Berlin with attractive online offerings.

DIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Diversity is important to the long-term survival of the actuarial profession – this is the fundamental motivation behind the diversity conference, which takes place on Sunday 3 June 2018, at the ESTREL Berlin, 9:00 to 13:00. Starting with the ICA 2010 in Cape Town and followed by a second event in Washington in 2014, the conference is now taking place for the third time, this time in connection with the ICA 2018. The underlying thrust behind this conference is that greater diversity in the actuarial profession will transform research into practical solutions in wider areas, will extend opportunities for actuaries to work and practice and will ultimately create more jobs. All actuaries and interested parties participating in ICA 2018 are invited to attend the congress (free of charge) one day prior to ICA 2018.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday, 3 June	Monday, 4 June	Tuesday, 5 June	Wednesday, 6 June	Thursday, 7 June	Friday, 8 June
Diversity Conference	Opening Ceremony	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions
	Plenary Session	Plenary Session	Plenary Session	Plenary Session	Plenary Session
					Closing Ceremony
Lunch					
Registration	Parallel Sessions	Limited Attendance Experiences / City Tours	Parallel Sessions	Limited Attendance Experiences / City Tours	
Welcome Event		Garden Event		Farewell Event	



ONLINE FORMATS AT THE VIRTUAL ICA 2018

For the very first time in history and as an innovation of ICA 2018, the congress program will also include a variety of virtual formats on dedicated topics. Anyone who is interested but unable to participate in the ICA onsite will find a suitable alternative in the Virtual ICA 2018. The virtual event enables actuaries from all over the world to join the congress despite their current location.

During the VICA program, a selection of presentations and highlights from the convention center in Berlin will be broadcasted live via internet. In addition to that, the Virtual ICA 2018 will also offer special online sessions.

These sessions consist of three modules and combine a live presentation – either held live on stage in Berlin or presented as a discrete webcast – with self-study materials in the preliminary preparation module as well as a Question & Answer webcast in the subsequent session module. This gives participants the exclusive chance to discuss open questions on the presentation directly with the speaker as well as with all other attendees.

The complete online session program of VICA 2018 will provide more than 20 sessions on a variety of subjects from all congress topics. Thanks to the wider and more detailed opportunities for discussion and analysis offered by this new format, some online sessions are devoted to more technical and/or specialist topics.

The third format of Virtual ICA 2018 will be an Insurance Simulation Game, in which 25 teams of young scientists and actuaries from around the world will have the opportunity to compete with their virtual insurance companies against each other. In a realistic game environment, the teams have to take a large number of management decisions in order to be the best company at the market.