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Call for Papers by Singapore Actuarial Society General Insurance Conference 6-7 May 2009 “A Firm Foundation for Taking Risk”

This is the first such conference organized by the Singapore Actuarial Society. Tentative dates for the conference are 6-7 May 2009 and the conference will be held over 1½ days. It is expected between 50 to 100 actuaries and senior insurance and reinsurance executives will attend from across Asia.

Actuarial techniques are increasingly used by the general insurance and reinsurance industries in Singapore and throughout the region, and that effective exploitation of the techniques will differentiate successful companies from their peers. Their importance is particularly elevated in the current financial crisis.

The primary target audience is members of the Singapore Actuarial Society (SAS), and actuaries working in the region. The conference would also be open to other general insurance professionals and members of other actuarial bodies throughout the region.

The entire conference will take place over 1½ days. We estimate that there will be time for 13 seminar sessions, of either 30mins or 45mins each. There would be no repeat sessions and the sessions will be conducted back to back, with breaks and mealtimes interwoven. A copy of the conference schedule can be found in [Appendix I](#).

The Society is now inviting timely, relevant and high-quality paper contributions from you on the topics listed in [Appendix II](#) with particular relevance to Asia and the conference theme “**A Firm Foundation for Taking Risk.**”

Papers will be reviewed for acceptance based on the following criteria:

1. Originality
2. Understandability
3. Relevance (to the conference theme and Asian context)
4. Timeliness



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Authors of accepted papers are invited to present their work at the Conference in May 2009. A prize award of S\$1,000 is available for the paper that receives the highest number of votes from the audience at the end of the conference. Please note that it is not the Society's policy to provide an honorarium nor reimburse expenses incurred by the authors.

Timely submission of the discussion papers is critical. The procedures and timetable are provided in Appendix III. Submission of a short description of the paper together with a biodata and photo of author(s) should be made electronically to James Attwood jim.attwood@asiacapitalre.com and Angela Koechli angela.koechli@kornferry.com on or before 31st January 2009.

In order to ensure consistency and readability of the papers, we prescribe a minimum format for the paper as detailed in Appendix IV. Authors can vary the format and include additional sections in their papers however we expect authors to cover the items listed in Appendix IV.

We welcome any thoughts or suggestions are looking forward to your participation. Clarifications and questions regarding the conference can be addressed to Patsy Lau at patsy@actuaries.org.sg.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Attwood', is written over a large, stylized checkmark or scribble.

James Attwood

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Appendix I – Conference Schedule

Day 1	Start Time	Session
Presidential	9.00am	30 mins
Session 1	9.30am	45 mins
Session 2	10.15am	30 mins
Break	10.45am	15 mins
Session 3	11.00am	45 mins
Session 4	11.45am	45 mins
Lunch	12.30pm	90 mins
Session 5	2.00pm	45 mins
Session 6	2.45pm	45 mins
Break	3.30pm	15 mins
Session 7	3.45pm	45 mins
Session 8	4.30pm	45 mins
End of day 1	5.15pm	
Group Dinner	6.30pm	90 mins

Day 2	Start Time	Session
Session 9	8.45am	45 mins
Session 10	9.30am	45 mins
Session 11	10.15am	30 mins
Break	10.45am	15 mins
Session 12	11.00am	45 mins
Session 13	11.45am	45 mins
End Day 2	12.30pm	



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Appendix II – Conference Topics

To position Singapore as a regional thought leader for general insurance actuarial practice some content will be Singapore specific. The conference will be driven by high quality content and provide access to the latest actuarial thinking and research. The target audience is members of the SAS but the conference will be open to other general insurance professionals and members of other actuarial bodies throughout the region. Possible session topics will be on:

Direct Insurance

- Motor Business in Singapore
- Motor Business in Malaysia
- Singapore Workers Compensation Scheme
- Stochastic Reserving
- Takaful Insurance

Reinsurance

- Natural Catastrophe Modeling
- Flood Modeling
- Reserving
- Large Claim Trends
- Terrorism
- Asset Liability Modeling

Current Issues

- Enterprise Risk Management
- Solvency II/Economic Capital
- Cycle Management

The general insurance committee will determine the conference topics with absolute right of change.



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Appendix III – Call for Paper Timetable

Deadline	Documents to be submitted
31st January 2009	A short description of the paper and biodata with photo of authors (one page each) to be submitted electronically to James Attwood jim.attwood@asiacapitalre.com or Angela Koechli angela.koechli@kornferry.com
15th February 2009	The General Insurance Committee of the Society will decide which proposals are accepted and contact the authors regarding the decision.
31st March 2009	The draft paper to be submitted to James and Angela for the General Insurance Committee's review. The Committee will contact the authors with its comments.
15th April 2009	The completed paper and accompanying slides, worksheets and materials to be submitted to James and Angela for printing/posting to Society's website
6th-7th May 2009	Conference dates



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Appendix IV – Format of Papers

Papers must be no more than 10,000 words and should include at least the following sections:

1. Executive Summary – Context, Objective, Outline and Conclusion
2. Introduction
3. Background and Methods
4. Results and Discussion
5. Conclusion

Authors can vary the format and include additional sections in their papers however we expect authors to cover the items listed above.

Authors will be required to provide an electronic copy of the paper by e-mail and will be asked to sign a "Permission to Publish" form allowing the SAS to publish the paper. Authors are encouraged to submit working templates in spreadsheet form for models or methods discussed or developed in their papers and/or PowerPoint presentations incorporating the details of the paper's calculations. The spreadsheets and presentations will be posted on the SAS Web Site along with the paper at a later date.