



## CALL FOR PAPERS AND SPEAKERS

### MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Distinguish yourself from the crowd by presenting at this year's Convention. The Convention Organising Committee would like to invite individuals to propose relevant, innovative, and thought-provoking topics for presentation at the Convention.

Preference will be given to papers with presentations, and submissions are due by 5 April.

### PRIZES

Three prizes will be presented at the 2019 Convention for outstanding papers chosen by the Actuarial Society's Research Committee.

- 1. RGA PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER**
- 2. RGA PRIZE FOR BEST FIRST-TIME PAPER**
- 3. SWISS RE PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER ON REINSURANCE OR RISK**

The prizes include a cash payment, a trophy, and the cost of attendance to an international conference (subject to terms and conditions).

### PRESENTATION TYPES

- 1. FULL SESSION:** 45-minute presentation plus a 15-minute Q&A.
- 2. TED-STYLE TALK:** 20 minutes each on a TED-style stage (no lectern, timer, etc.). Limited slides and thought-provoking ideas that are worth sharing. 10-minute Q&A at the end.
- 3. WORKSHOP:** A technical 60-minute session.
- NEW 4. IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION:** An interactive 60-minute session.
- 5. PANEL DISCUSSION:** A 60-minute session consisting of a discussion and Q&A.

Presenters may indicate their preference when submitting papers and presentations, but the Convention Organising Committee and Practice Area representatives will make the final decision on the format allocation to presenters, considering the number of presenters, the range of topics in each practice area, and programme time constraints.



## PROCESS OF SELECTING PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR THE CONVENTION

- 1. INITIAL SELECTION:** All proposed papers and presentations reviewed by Convention Organising Committee. Top proposals will then move through to second selection round.
- 2. CONDITIONAL SHORTLISTING:** Conversations to be held with selected presenters to discuss their proposal. The final selection of papers and presentations will then be made.
- 3. DESIGN AND PREPARATION:** A sponsor to support the paper and/or presentation will be allocated by the ASSA Practice Areas and the Convention Organising Committee based on the recommendation by the presenter.
- 4. FINAL SELECTION:** Presenters to prepare and present at a compulsory dry-run. Professional feedback will be provided; a second dry-run will follow only where required.

## KEY DEADLINES

DELIVERABLE	PAPERS ONLY	PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS
Proposals due		5 April 2019
One-on-one discussions complete		3 May 2019
Full abstracts due		21 June 2019
Draft papers for review due	28 June 2019	
Reviewer feedback to presenters	16 July 2019	
Final papers due (publication and prize eligibility)	14 August 2019	
Successful presenters to register		6 September 2019
All Convention presentations for review due		13 September 2019
150-word "press release" promoting your paper	25 September 2019	
Reviewer feedback to presenters		27 September 2019
All Convention presentations due		3 October 2019
Presentation training and presentation dry runs complete		7 October 2019
Final Convention newsletter issued (with "press release" and links to papers)	9 October 2019	
2019 Convention		22-23 October 2019



SUBMITTING A PAPER OR PRESENTATION

**PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 5 APRIL 2019 BY CLICKING ON SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Leigh Pender, Programme Secretariat, at [leigh@actuarialsocietyconvention.org.za](mailto:leigh@actuarialsocietyconvention.org.za) or +27 (0)21 683 2934.

All submissions will be acknowledged.

