



2019 Convention

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Preview of Topics

The Convention programme is in the last stages of being finalised and the Convention Organising Committee is pleased to provide a pintsize preview of some of the topics that will be presented this year.

Conversations with Actuaries: Our unique journeys to become fellows by Vivek Moodley

This presentation will aim to assist the profession to better understand and appreciate the various diverse backgrounds that Fellows have come from, and will touch on the benefits of diversity and how to appreciate this. A number of speakers from very diverse backgrounds will share their unique journeys and challenges and to also debunk the myths and assumptions we have about peoples' journeys to qualification.

Are industry claims practices in the underwritten life industry just, ethical and fair? by Paul Lewis

Using the framework of controversial life claims that were declined and then paid after a social media and public outcry, the paper looks at the current claims management process and interrogates whether this is still just, ethical and fair. In particular, we try to establish whether the process ties in with an Actuary's professional promise. The paper may make suggestions about how practice could be changed, or may provide a springboard for further discussions.

When good work fails: Why Provider Profiling in South Africa doesn't effect change by Shivani Ranchod

Multiple entities in South Africa run "provider profiling" systems on behalf of healthcare funders - reporting to doctors how their cost and quality of care stacks up. We consider how doctors experience these reports. This presentation is based on a paper and aims to accomplish the following outcomes:

- Understanding of provider profiling: who does it, why do they do, how do they do it
- Comparison of statistical methods used
- Behavioural perspective on report impact
- Overview of competitive and commercial dynamics
- Practical solutions to improve impact

Fixing the South African basic education crises: The incredible story of a rural community building a school and creating a blueprint for our country in the process by Wilhelm De

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The Jakes Gerwel Technical School in Bonnievale is nothing short of a miracle. The school is the answer to a crisis that exists throughout South Africa. A chronic shortage of high schools and a limited curriculum offering spells a bleak future for thousands of disadvantaged kids in rural areas. The people of Bonnievale tackled the crisis head-on, joining hands across racial and socio-economic divides and setting out to raise R65 million to build their own school. Chairing the JGE Funding Trust is an Actuary, Wilhelm de Wet. In the process, they created a partnership with the provincial Department of Education and offer a curriculum that is hailed as 'the answer for South Africa'. The JGE Funding Trust was tasked to not only raise the R65m, but also to manage the building project and to commit to help govern the school in the long run. Added to a long list of practical impossibilities, was the fact that there was a timeline set of less than two years before the school had to be operational. In faith the team took up the challenge. Vision sparks hope. Positivity is infectious. Sacrifice is inspirational. When we lead with a can-do attitude and show our commitment by personal sacrifice others will follow. Actuaries have a role to play in the wider community. Hopefully the story can inspire others.

Regards

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