



# Society of Actuaries in Ireland

## Speakers' Biographical Details

### Chairman

**Paul O'Faherty** is a Mercer Senior Partner. He returned in July 2008 to the role of Chief Executive/Market Leader of Mercer's business in Ireland, having spent the previous 4 years working in a number of European roles. He is also Country Chairman for Marsh & McLennan Companies in Ireland.

Paul is the current President of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland, a past chairman of the Irish Association of Pension Funds and a former member of the Executive Committee of the European Federation for Retirement Provision.

### Speakers

**Joanne Buckle** is the lead consultant in the Milliman London Healthcare practice. She also sits on the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries Health & Care Committee.

Joanne has been involved in several assignments for US healthcare providers, including analyses of reimbursement structures and assessment of the adequacy of capitation arrangements. She has also participated in projects for UK and US healthcare companies involving wider applications of actuarial techniques, including estimates of the impact of disease management services on medical cost trends.

Joanne has recently completed a post-graduate diploma in Health Economics for Healthcare Professionals at York University by distance learning.

**David Costello** has been Head of Actuarial with Allianz Worldwide Care (AWC) since 2006. Prior to joining AWC, David was the Company Actuary for Zurich Insurance Ireland.

David is a member of the Council of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland and a past Chairman of the Society's Health Care Committee.

Over the years, David has presented at various conferences in Ireland and the UK on a range of topics, including Current Irish Issues, Rate-making Techniques and Using your Claims Experience.

**Oliver O'Connor** is an independent business consultant, specialising in health finance, innovation and public policy, with a focus on health insurance, acute hospitals, pharmaceutical pricing and long term care. He has high level experience in Government, healthcare, financial services and media.

From 2001 to 2010, he was a senior Special Adviser in the Government, working for Mary Harney, in her roles as Tánaiste, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment and, from 2004, Minister for Health and Children.

**Piet Stam** is trained as an econometrician with a doctorate in risk equalization and is a member of the Risk Adjustment Network (RAN), a European network of health economists from countries where the government regulates competitive health insurance markets.

Piet has been working for many years at health insurer Agis Zorgverzekeringen as a consultant in the field of risk equalisation and innovative provider contracts. He participated in starting up the development of the so-called pay-for-performance concept and the introduction of the CQ-Index in the Netherlands. Piet is one of the founding partners of SiRM – Strategies in Regulated Markets.