



Honorary Members

Council has elected Professor Philip Boland, Head of the Department of Statistics at University College Dublin and Professor Alastair Wood, Dean of the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences at Dublin City University, as Honorary Members of the Society in recognition of their outstanding contributions to actuarial education in Ireland. Philip and Alastair were formally welcomed to the Society at the Evening Meeting on 26th February.

26th International Congress of Actuaries Birmingham, June 1998

All actuaries should have received Bulletin Two about the Congress in Birmingham next year. The Bulletin includes a Provisional Registration Form which should be completed and forwarded directly to the Congress Secretariat in the UK. This will ensure that you are kept informed directly concerning further information and that you receive the Final Registration Form. Completion of the Provisional Registration Form places no obligation on a potential delegate to attend the Congress. No money is required at this stage!

It would be very helpful if Irish based members intending to participate in the Congress would let the Society office have a copy of their Provisional Registration Form (Fax Number: 6622489).

You are encouraged to seriously consider attending the Congress which the Institute and Faculty intend to run on similar lines to their regular conventions. This will involve offering a choice of technical sessions which will also vary in format. Many of you will already have tested the facilities at the International Convention Centre through attending Institute and Faculty events there over the past year or two.

With the number of Irish based Fellows of the Society now exceeding 160 we hope that it will not be difficult to achieve the 20 delegates required for Ireland to be honoured at the Congress with Vice President and Secretary roles. We are also hopeful that we can exceed the number of papers presented by Irish authors to recent Congresses. We already have some working party papers under consideration for this. Papers, which can be produced on a subject of the authors choosing, are due in to the Congress Secretariat by the end of September 1997. Details on the required layouts for papers are available from Mary Butler in the Society office.

The Congress is being hosted by the Institute and Faculty and will welcome over 1000 actuaries from around the world. Most Society members are Fellows of the Institute or Faculty and we should play our part in this welcome. The next Congress is due to be held in Mexico in 2002 when actuarial visitors (will we see 20 or more Irish actuaries attending?) will be glad of a large welcome from the local association. We are unlikely to have the opportunity to attend an International Congress so close to our own shores as Birmingham 1998 for some considerable time. We should not miss out on the opportunity.

Further details can be obtained from Mary Butler at the Society office or from Bruce Maxwell at Irish Life.

**The Pensions Committee
of the Groupe Consultatif**

Newly Qualified

Congratulations to the following members who qualified last December:

Conor Byrne,	Norwich Union
Michael Murphy,	Watson Wyatt (Reigate)
Marie Murphy,	New Ireland Assurance
Ciaran Naughton,	New Ireland Assurance
Donal O'Flaherty,	Canada Life
Maeve Sherry,	Scottish Mutual International
Gerry Sweeney,	Insurance Corporation of Ireland
Adrian Turner,	Bank of Ireland Asset Management

TENNIS SOCIETY

Quite a few members have said they are interested in meeting to play tennis. I have "volunteered" to become first captain of our new Tennis Society and expect to organise at least 2 events during the season, possibly in May and September. The events will cater for people of all standards and will be followed by the equivalent of the 19th hole in golf! Entry Forms will be sent out later.

Tom Barry

Public Relations Committee

Under the chairmanship of John Lyons a new Public Relations Committee of the Society has been established. The members of the committee are:

Paul Duffy
John Feely
John Gibson
Dervla Tomlin

The main objectives of the Committee are:

- To improve the public understanding of the role of the actuarial profession.
- To increase the influence of the actuarial profession on the public.
- To promote a greater understanding and awareness of the services provided by the actuarial profession to the Irish Public.
- To promote the role of the actuarial profession in public decision making.

On the Move

Emer Chapman has joined **Coyle Hamilton** from Delany Bacon & Woodrow.

Aisling Kennedy has rejoined **Mercer Limited**.

Michael McCarthy has joined **Bank of Ireland Asset Management** from New Ireland Investment Managers.



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