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Here is our periodic brief for ACA members summarising activities, responses made to consultations and events we have planned over the period ahead.

REGISTER FOR FIRST AND NOW SECOND WEEK SEMINARS FOR OUR SPRING WEB CONFERENCE

Our **ACA Spring Web Conference** is running from 21 March – 1 April 2022 inclusive offering a wide range of topics and speakers. **The Conference is available to all ACA Members (fees paid by ACA firms), but if you wish to attend any of the one-hour long sessions in the first week or, now, second week you need to register for each session at the appropriate link below.** After registering for each session you select, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining each webinar.

Monday 21 March – 12 noon

1. *The public finances and challenges for pensions and savings policy*

Speaker: Paul Johnson (Institute for Fiscal Studies)

Chair: Patrick Bloomfield (ACA Chair and Hymans Robertson)

Register [HERE](#)

Tuesday 22 March – 12 noon

2. *What can actuaries learn from the Covid pandemic and the communication of statistics and risk?*

IFoA COVID Response Group Speakers: Stuart McDonald (Lloyds Banking Group) & Jonathan Pearson-Stuttard (Lane Clark & Peacock)

The pandemic has led to heightened interest in risk, data and statistics. Concepts that were once the preserve of epidemiologists, demographers and actuaries have entered the public and political discourse, with plenty of misunderstandings along the way. Stuart McDonald and Jonathan Pearson-Stuttard will reflect on the pandemic and the use and misuse of statistics.

Register [HERE](#)

Wednesday 23 March – 12 noon

3. *Pensions Dashboards – finally coming, what do you need to know?*

Speakers: Paul McGlone (Aon), Rosalind Connor (Arc Pensions Law) & Anish Rav (Capita)

Chair: David Everett (Lane Clark & Peacock)

In January 2022 draft dashboard regulations were finally released, alongside a consultation from DWP. Further consultations from FCA and FRC followed, all leading towards dashboards going live from April 2023. This session will explain the latest position, including how dashboards will work, what schemes and advisers need to do, and by when.

Register [HERE](#)

Wednesday 23 March – 4pm

4. *A Regulator's Smorgasbord*

TPR Speakers: David Fairs, Mark Potter, Lucy Stone, Leandro Carrera & Brendan Walshe

A review of topical areas from The Pensions Regulator team of speakers.

Register [HERE](#)

Thursday 24 March – 4pm

5. *Long term inflation: where to from here?*

Speaker: Daniel Banks (Schroders)

Inflation has been a major focus for many people over the last year. In this presentation we will look at much longer-term influences on inflation which could have far reaching consequences for other assets such as bonds and equities. The last 15 years has been characterised by an environment of low inflation (despite low rates) with some of the major influences on this turning we look at what could be the impact of factors such as an ageing Chinese population and Technology.

Register [HERE](#) (and stay on for the ACA AGM at 5pm)

Friday 25 March – 12 noon

6. *GMP equalisation – Latest developments and market practice*

Speakers: Alasdair Mayes (Lane Clark & Peacock) & Rowan Howard (Slaughter & May)

Alasdair and Rowan will provide an update on the latest developments on GMP equalisation, focusing on forthcoming changes to GMP conversion being brought about by Margaret Ferrier's private member bill and the pensions tax considerations in paying transfer value tops either as a further transfer or cash.

Register [HERE](#)

Monday 28 March – 4pm

7. *How is the de-risking market going to look in 2022?*

Speaker: Yadu Dashora (Lane Clark & Peacock)

The de-risking market continues to innovate and evolve in a number of areas. This session will cover the latest issues and recent developments in the buy-in/buy-out market, DB superfunds and other capital-backed solutions.

Register [HERE](#)

Tuesday 29 March – 4pm

8. *Scheme Investment: the impact of Putin's war*

Speakers: Steve Hodder (Lane Clark & Peacock), Chris Arcari (Hymans Robertson) and AN Other (Isio)

Our panel will discuss the the wider impacts of the war on the geo-political investment environment going forwards.

Register [HERE](#)

Wednesday 30 March – 12 noon

9. *DC – looking ahead*

Speakers: Maddie Cain (Aon) & Chris Morton (Buck)

With better 'value for members' being a main driver for change in DC we take a look at how the pensions landscape looks set to evolve in the next few years. The session will explore the case for greater consolidation and decumulation challenges and asks what more can be done to help savers improve their outcomes.

Register [HERE](#)

Thursday 31 March – 12 noon

10. *Legal Update*

Speakers: Georgina Jones (Sackers) & Katy Harries (Sackers)

Katy Harries and Georgina Jones from Sackers will take you through some of the key legal developments in the last year, including forthcoming changes to the notifiable events regime and an update on PPF compensation.

Register [HERE](#)

Friday 1 April – 12 noon

11. *Improving DE&I across our industry*

Speakers: Roshni Hainsworth (Mercer) & Zoe Burdo (Lane Clark & Peacock)

Chintan Gandhi will chair a discussion with Roshni Hainsworth and Zoe Burdo.

Register [HERE](#)

Web Conference Information to note

- ❖ **Each session will be approximately 1 hour in length** and the actual duration will be eligible for CPD purposes. There will be opportunities to ask questions as with in-person events.
- ❖ Most sessions are being run at either 12pm or 4pm during the two-week season (but please check the start times of sessions you are interested in).
- ❖ **Sessions will be recorded** and a password protected link will be available from the Secretariat after these sessions.
- ❖ **Slide decks used by presenters will be available after sessions** on the ACA website as usual on the Members' Only section of the site.

INTERNATIONAL ACTUARIAL ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES DIVERSITY & INCLUSION MICROSITE

Recognizing the important contribution that women make to increase diversity and inclusion in the workplace, the IAA has announced the launch of its [Diversity and Inclusion microsite](#). Based on the premise that “Every actuary has the potential to significantly contribute to our profession”, the IAA is committed to deliver on its mission and values by actively encouraging more meaningful participation by women, racial minorities, geographically diverse and younger actuaries. Broadening participation in its process by including all who offer a wide range of lived experiences will meaningfully improve on its ability to enhance the actuarial profession globally.

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