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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.

DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN 2024

BLOOMFIELD LECTURE: 6 November 2024



To commemorate the tragic loss of recent ACA Chair, Patrick Bloomfield, the ACA has established the **Bloomfield 'Bow Tie' Lecture**, which will take place at the **IET Savoy Centre** on the evening of **Wednesday 6 November 2024** to be followed by a reception. The theme and speakers – to be announced shortly – will reflect Patrick's promotion of both innovative actuarial thinking and support for the next generation of actuaries playing a leading role in the work of and activities of the Association. We will be inviting guests from across the pensions industry including professional connections and we anticipate attendance will be high. We may need to limit the number of representatives from the same ACA firm. Further details to follow.

NEXT ACA SESSIONAL MEETING: 5 September 2024

Our next Sessional Meeting at the St Ermin's Hotel will be on the evening of **Thursday 5 September 2024** and will feature two topics. One will be on **Dynamic Discount Rates** with WTW's Gareth Connolly speaking, who chaired the dynamic discount rate working party for the IFoA, with supporting panellists. There will be a second topic with an asset manager speaking on **Geopolitical risks and threats to investment**.

The meeting will be preceded by the **annual Younger Members' Group reception** for new ACA members and those eligible and considering membership. Further details will be circulated over the summer in the usual way.

There will be one further 2024 Sessional Meeting at the St Ermin's on the evening of **Thursday 28 November** which will be followed by our traditional Christmas Dinner. However, depending on when the new TPR DB Funding Code is published, the ACA Main Committee reserve the option to hold an additional in-person or web meeting to discuss its contents and application.

OCTOBER WEB CONFERENCE: 1 – 11 October 2024

This year's two weeklong **October Web Conference** will be held between **1 - 11 October** and will feature daily 1-hour long seminars over the period at either midday or late afternoon. The programme, which will encompass a wide range of topics and will be open to all ACA members, is being developed by our Conference Working Party, chaired by Laura McLaren and will be published to contacts and individual members in the late summer.

ACA ANNUAL DINNER: 24 September 2024

After the great success of the ACA Annual Dinner in 2023 after a gap of three years following from the pandemic and its impact, we are again holding the Annual Dinner at **Claridge's** on **Tuesday 24 September 2024**. Many firms have already reserved tables of 8 or 10 and individual tickets are also available for the dinner. Ticket prices include a champagne reception, four-course dinner, and wines. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tracey Gleed at the Secretariat – tracey.gleed@aca.org.uk

Looking further ahead...

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MANCHESTER: 30 – 31 January 2025

Next year's **Annual Conference** will be at the **Radisson Blu, Manchester Airport** on **Thursday 30 – Friday 31 January 2025**. The conference is open to members from all parts of the UK. The programme will be published in the autumn and will include a range of plenary and seminar topics, as usual. The Annual Conference will return to Gatwick/Heathrow early in 2026.

2025 SESSIONAL MEETING DATES

As well as organising several topical Web meetings through 2025 (these will be announced closer to the time), the following **Sessional meeting dates in 2025** at the **St Ermin's Hotel, Caxton Street, London SW1** are confirmed. At least one of these meetings may be held at an earlier time with a reception following the meeting rather than a dinner:

Tuesday 14th January 2025 (provisional)

Thursday 20th March 2025

Thursday 8th May 2025

Tuesday 16th September 2025

Tuesday 9th December 2025

We also may trial a breakfast meeting for those members who might find this more convenient than our usual early evening meetings. Additionally, we expect to hold in-person Regional Meetings during the next 12 months.

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