

2017 ACA NORTHERN CONFERENCE – 21/22 SEPTEMBER
UPDATED CONFERENCE PROGRAMME – AS AT 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

- 17.00 hours** **Registration on Level 3 of the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport**
- 19.30 hours** **Champagne reception in the Level 1 Lobby followed by dinner (20.00 hours) in the Manchester Suite (Level 1)**
Guest-after-dinner speaker: **Caspar Berry**, motivational speaker specialising in the subjects of risk, decision making and leadership

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

- From 07.00 hours** **Breakfast in Collage Restaurant (Level 3)**

NOTE: All plenary and seminar sessions take place in rooms on Level 1 of the hotel

- 08.50 hours –** **Introduction and welcome by Bob Scott, ACA Chairman**
09.50 hours

Plenary Session:

The path ahead for the UK economy

Presentation by **Dr Gerard Lyons**, leading City economist and advocate of Brexit, Chief Economic Adviser to Parker Fitzgerald and former Chief Economist at Standard Chartered
Plenary Chairman: **Bob Scott**
Room: **Manchester Suite**

- 09.50 hours –**
10.50 hours

Seminars – Series A

- 1. *Safeguarding scheme data – 2018 General Data Protection Regulation: risks and roadmap***
Speakers: **Kate Atkinson** (Baker & McKenzie) &
 Joanna de Fonseca (Baker & McKenzie)
Chairman: **Robert Sweet** (Cartwright Group)
Room: **Brussels Suite (102)**
- 2. *Legal update for actuaries***
Speaker: **Patrick Kennedy** (Gateley Plc)
Chairman: **Lloyd Cleaver** (Willis Towers Watson)
Room: **Meeting Room 104**
- 3. *Longevity trend assumptions: one-size-fits-all?***
Speakers: **Steven Baxter** (Club Vita) & **Alice Woolley** (RMS)
Chairman: **Mark Alexander** (Willis Towers Watson)
Room: **Milano Suite (103)**
- 4. *... in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes (Benjamin Franklin)***
Speaker: **Graham Wrightson** (Stephenson Harwood LLP)
Chairman: **Peter Summers** (Hymans Robertson)
Room: **Meeting Room 109**
- 5. *Getting the message across***
Speaker: **Jerry Edmondson** (Aon Employee Benefits)
Chairman: **Allan Martin** (ACMCA)
Room: **Meeting Room 105**

10.50 hours

Refreshment break in Level 1 Lobby

11.00 hours –
12.00 hours

Seminars – Series B

6. ***The only way is ethics***
Speakers: **Helen Gregson** (Institute and Faculty of Actuaries) & **Malcolm Slee** (Aviva)
Chairman: **Michael Clare** (Aon Hewitt)
Room: **Meeting Room 105**
7. ***Post-retirement investment options for drawdown – how do we help members get the best outcome?***
Speaker: **David Bird** (Willis Towers Watson)
Chairman: **Richard Hassan** (KPMG)
Room: **Brussels Suite (102)**
8. ***Resource & Environmental Issues: A Practical Guide for Pension Actuaries***
Speakers: **Laura Duckering** (Willis Towers Watson) & **Scott Harrison** (First Actuarial)
Chairman: **Stuart Reilly** (Hymans Robertson)
Room: **Meeting Room 104**
9. ***The impact of Brexit on pensions law***
Speaker: **Anna Rogers** (ARC Pensions law)
Chairman: **Kenneth Auld** (Xafinity)
Room: **Meeting Room 109**
10. ***How to write compelling proposal documents***
Speaker: **Chris Matthews** (Sutherlands)
Room: **Milano Suite (103)**

12.00 hours

Refreshment break in Level 1 Lobby

12.10 hours –
13.10 hours

Seminars – Series C

11. ***“Group Think”: a public interest issue for actuaries?***
Speaker: **Suzie Lyons** (Institute and Faculty of Actuaries)
Chairman: **Phil Wadsworth** (Jardine Lloyd Thompson)
Room: **Meeting Room 104**
12. ***Choosing actuarial factors: a lawyer’s view***
Speaker: **Rosalind Knowles** (Linklaters)
Chairman: **Alan Collins** (Spence & Partners)
Room: **Milano Suite (103)**
13. ***Master Trusts: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly***
Speaker: **Margaret Snowden OBE** (Chairman of PASA)
Chairman: **David Piltz** (Conduent HR Services)
Room: **Meeting Room 105**
14. ***March of the Zombies (or the challenges of Financially less Supported Schemes)***
Speaker: **Darren Masters** (Mercer)
Chairman: **Peter Redhead** (Aon Hewitt)
Room: **Brussels Suite (102)**
15. ***The move to CPI indexation***
Speaker: **Alex Waite** (Lane Clark & Peacock)
Chairman: **Stephen Yates** (Willis Towers Watson)
Room: **Meeting Room 109**

13.10 hours

Buffet Lunch in the Collage Restaurant (Level 3)

14.10 hours –
15.10 hours

Seminars – Series D

16. ***To De-risk or not De-risk***
Speaker: **Bobby Riddaway** (Capita)
Chairman: **Mark Howard** (Barnett Waddingham)
Room: **Brussels Suite (102)**
17. ***FRC update / TAS consultation***
Speaker: **Ann Muldoon** (Financial Reporting Council)
Chairman: **Steve Simkins** (KPMG)
Room: **Meeting Room 105**
18. ***Pension saving (and pensions tax) in the post Osborne era***
Speakers: **Jillian Pegrum** (Aon Hewitt)
Chairman: **Chris Hunter** (H&C Consulting Actuaries)
Room: **Meeting Room 104**
19. ***What's going on with gilts (and swaps)?***
Speaker: **Lawrence Phillips** (P-Solve)
Chairman: **Mike Shimwell** (KPMG)
Room: **Milano Suite (103)**
20. ***DC Pensions: What is keeping employers awake at night?***
Speaker: **Roshni Patel** (PwC)
Chairman: **Chris Mapp** (Punter Southall)
Room: **Meeting Room 109**

15.10 hours

Refreshment break in Level 1 Lobby

15.20 hours –
16.10 hours

Plenary Session:

Pensions and Savings – a post-General Election review

Graham Vidler, Director of External Affairs at PLSA and **Steven Dicker**, Partner at PwC will review the post General election pensions and savings scene

Plenary Chairman: **Bob Scott**

Room: **Manchester Suite**

16.10 hours

Concluding remarks by Bob Scott