

The XXXIst International ASTIN Colloquium

Foreword

Luciano Daboni would have written the forwarding himself. But this has not been the case. Luciano, who was a school leader at the University of Trieste, has to be remembered for his wide scientific interest and his great intellectual and moral strength.

Among numerous papers, he wrote a volume on Non Life Insurance Technique, which has been a text-book for generations of Italian students.

He always paid much attention to the activity of ASTIN and one of his concerns was not to be able to pay an active role in the life of this association as much he certainly would have wanted.

Among the pleasures of social life, Luciano liked to remember the evenings spent in Colchester with Hans Bühlmann and the lectures of two young colleagues Jean Lemaire and Flavio Pressacco in Taormina were recurrent.

He was proud to be Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the XXXIst ASTIN Colloquium and considered it as a personal engagement to reinforce the practice of sending the ASTIN Colloquium Proceedings well in advance in order to let the participants read the papers before the actual event Luciano wished to thank the Authors for their care in observing the deadline to submit the papers.

In his behalf, I thank them very much both for their engagement in writing their papers and for having fulfilled the fixed timetable.

The papers are 29 and more or less equally distributed among the various topics: topic I "Alternative Models to the Probability of Ruin in Risk Theory", number of the papers 6. The report will be given by Harry Panjer. Topic II "Modelling Catastrophic Risks", n. 9. This topic will be presented by Paul Embrechts. Topic III "Technical Management of Health Insurance", n. 6. Ermanno Pitacco will report on this topic. Topic IV "General Topics", n. 8. The report will be given by Giovanna Ferrara.

Actuaries from various Countries have contributed with their own papers. We are happy to say that a number of contributors are young people who may well represent the future of ASTIN.

In some papers theoretical and practical aspects are overlapping and this is typical of Applied Mathematics. The people who are practically concerned with Applied Mathematics very often offer new thoughts to scholars and in turn these propose new solutions to be applied.

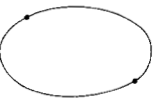
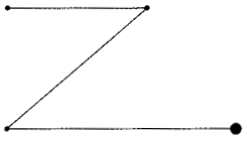
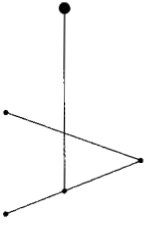
This is the secret of the appeal of the Actuarial Science. But we will have the occasion to speak on this point at the Colloquium.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Sardinia and this is not only a polite way to close the forwarding but a real feeling.



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ASTIN Scientific Committee

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