6AAC APPLIED ACTUARIAL RESEARCH (AAR) AWARD

CALL FOR EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

The 6th African Actuarial Congress (6AAC) of the International Actuarial Association (IAA) scheduled from March 18-20, 2020 will be held at the Movenpick Ambassador Hotel, Accra by the Actuarial Society of Ghana (ASG). As part of efforts to foster the development of applied research is providing actuarial scholars, practitioners, educators, and students in Africa one of the best platforms to present their applied research and innovations in actuarial science and related fields for the Applied Actuarial Research Awards.

The Applied Actuarial Research (AAR) Award
Spearheaded by the Actuarial Society of Ghana (ASG) and supported by Society of Actuaries (SOA), the 6th African Actuarial Congress (6AAC) seeks to bridge the actuarial research gap in Africa and to encourage the application of these research works to practical actuarial environment. The AAR Award will offers a substantial cash reward at the Award & Recognition Dinner of the 6th African Actuarial Congress to two (2) different categories of researchers to promote applied research at different levels of the African actuarial community. Submission are thus invited for the individual (Young Researchers) and group (African Universities Researchers) AAR Award categories. The eligibility includes:

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<th>African Universities Award</th>
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<td>- Authors must be in groups of 2 or more with at least 1 student included</td>
<td>- Author(s) age must not exceed 35 at the time of submission</td>
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<td>- Authors must be from the same university in an African country.</td>
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<td>- The university must offer Actuarial Science as a programme at any level (Degree, Masters or PhD) or Mathematics/Statistics/Economics degree with Actuarial concentration or specialization</td>
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<td>- Non-resident Africans must collaborate with a resident to be eligible</td>
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1. EVALUATION PROCESS
   - Submissions (extended abstracts) accepted after initial review, will be required to submit a full paper. Full papers will then undergo a rigorous peer review process to score the papers.
   - The 6AAC delegates will also have the opportunity to evaluate each paper after a 10-minute presentation and 5 minutes Q&A.
   - The presenter with the highest weighted average of the scores from the both evaluations in each category will be crowned the “Best Applied Actuarial Research Award” for 6AAC.

2. SUBMISSION PROCESS
   - All submissions should be in English or French;
   - “Expression of Interest!” Form to be submitted to IAA 6AAC Secretariat via congress@asg.org.gh;

• Include the statement “6AAC: Call for Abstract - Applied Actuarial Research Award” in the subject line of your email.
• The acceptable formats for emailing are: .doc, .docx, or .pdf.

3. IMPORTANT DATES
• December 16, 2019 - Submission of “Expression of Interest Form” and Extended Abstract by email to congress@asg.org.gh. Submissions received after this date will not be considered.
• January 13, 2020 – Notification of lead author on the decision of reviewing panel by email.
• February 28, 2020 – Submission of the full paper by email ONLY for accepted extended abstracts
• March 13, 2020 - PowerPoint/Beamer Presentation

4. SUBMISSION (ABSTRACT EXTENDED) GUIDELINES
The submission must include the following information:
• Title
• Author(s) and Credentials
• Body :
  1. Background and Rationale for the Research
  2. Research Problem being Addressed
  3. Literature Review Topics (Full submission only)
  4. Methodology
  5. Main Results
  6. Practical Relevance to Actuarial Markets ((Work or Profession)
  7. Conclusions and Recommendations (Full submission only)

NB: The body of the summary document (abstract) should not exceed 1500 words. The total word count precludes the Title, Author(s) and Credentials, Affiliations, City and Country.

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The title of the paper has an initial capital only, e.g. Application of Machine Learning to Mortality Modeling:

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The abstract should be between 150 and 250 words and should not contain references or abbreviations.

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Provide not more than five keywords, spelled with an initial capital and separated by semicolon. Abbreviations are allowed in keywords. e.g. Mortality rates; Stochastic models; Machine learning; CDR;

Correspondence
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References (Harvard referencing style)

Appendices

Tables and Figures (All tables and figures should be numbered sequentially and have a title in italics.)
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2. Declaration of interest and personal commitment – each author must sign this part

I hereby, ____________________________, (tick as sign of your commitment):

[ ] intend to submit a Paper;

[ ] will receive confirmation of the acceptance of my paper submission before January 13, 2019;

[ ] will validate my participation to the Congress by registering before January 30, 2020.

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