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INVITATION

To: Members of the AAE Education, Insurance, Pensions, Professionalism and Risk Management Committees, the Social Security Subcommittee, AI-DS WG, Sustainability and Climate-related Risks WG, Communications Panel and Presidents AAE Member Associations

Copy: AAE Board, Secretariats



We kindly invite you to participate in the AAE Spring Meetings 2025, which will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, 09-11 April 2025 on invitation of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA).

The meetings of all AAE Committees as well as the Social Security Subcommittee, the AI-DS WG and the Sustainability and Climate-related Risks WG meetings will be held on **Thursday 10 April and Friday 11 April 2025**.

The Presidents' Meeting is scheduled on **Friday 11 April 2025**.

In addition, the IFoA invite AAE delegates to attend the IFoA Symposium free of charge.

The Symposium (program attached) will include the following breakout sessions from which you can select your preferred session in the registration process:

- Planetary Solvency (Lucy Saye)
- CDC Pensions (Professor Catherine Donnelly, Heriot-Watt University)
- Fertility (Dermot Grenham)
- The Future of Artificial Intelligence (Dr Matthew Forshaw, Newcastle University and Alan Turing Institute)

The schedule of meetings is as follows (all times in BST):

Wednesday 9 April 2025

15:00-18:00 IFoA Symposium (program attached)
18:30-24:00 **Welcome drink & Meet & Greet**, will be held at [Museum of Scotland](#)
Welcome drinks from 18:30.
Dinner and ceilidh start at 19:30.

Thursday 10 April 2025

08:30-09:30 Joint meeting Insurance, Pensions and Risk Management Committees
09.30-12.30 Artificial Intelligence and Data Science WG
09.30-12.30 Social Security Subcommittee
09.30-12.30 Education Committee
12:30-14:00 **Lunch**
14.00-17.00 Insurance Committee
14.00-17.00 Risk Management Committee
14.00-17.00 Pensions Committee
18:00-19:00 **Surgeons' Hall Museum private opening**
19:00-22:00 **Gala Dinner**, held at: [PlayFair Hall](#)

Friday 11 April 2025

08.30-09.30 'TOM' Task Force – Progress meeting
08.30-10.30 Sustainability and Climate-Related Risks Working Group meeting
09.30-12.30 Professionalism Committee
12.30-13.30 **Lunch**
13:30-16:30 Presidents' Meeting

Venue

The venue for all AAE meetings will be at the [Surgeon's Quarter, Edinburgh](#), Scotland (Address: 10 Hill Pl, Edinburgh EH8 9DS, United Kingdom).

Registration

- **Registration is now open and mandatory.**
- Please use [this link to register](#) (login is required). Please register a.s.a.p. and **no later than 31 March 2025**. It is important to register to have a clear view of the number of participants for each part of the program.
- **Registration will close one week before the start of the event!**

Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)

From 2 April 2025, visitors are required to obtain an ETA. Please make sure to check in time whether you need it to travel to Edinburgh on this website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>.

This website also provides you with the links to apply for an ETA, and will already open in March. It will take up to 3 working days to obtain the ETA and will cost 10 GBP.

Social programme

Welcome drink and Meet & Greet on Wednesday 9 April 2025

Members and registered guests are welcome to join for dinner and ceilidh at the Welcome drink & Meet & Greet, at [Museum of Scotland](#) at 18:30 (6 minutes' walk from the meeting venue). This fun and informal gathering offers new members and volunteers a great chance to connect with Committee chairs, and Senior Officers before the exciting Spring Meeting events kick off on Thursday and Friday.

Please note that the event will start with a drink's reception from 18:30 and dinner will start at 19:30 BST.

Address: [National Museum of Scotland](#)

All AAE delegates and accompanying persons are invited to attend for free.

Registration is compulsory and included in the registration process. If you do not register in time, it will not be possible to attend.

Private opening Surgeon's Hall Museum on Thursday 10 April 2025

Address: 10 Hill Pl, Edinburgh EH8 9DS, United Kingdom

Our hosts have arranged for a private opening of [Surgeons' Hall Museum](#) from 18:00-19:00 BST. If you wish to use this opportunity, make sure to mark the box in the registration.

We will meet at the registration desk in Surgeon's Hall at 17.45 BST.

Registration is compulsory and included in the registration process. If you do not register in time, it will **not** be possible to attend.

Gala Dinner on Thursday 10 April 2025 at Playfair Hall, Surgeon's Quarter

Address: 10 Hill Pl, Edinburgh EH8 9DS, United Kingdom

All AAE delegates and accompanying persons are invited to attend. The fee for the dinner amounts to EUR €60 per person.

Registration is compulsory and included in the registration process.

If you do not register in time, it will **not** be possible to attend.

If you did not choose the option of the private opening, you can meet directly at the venue, Playfair Hall, Surgeon's Quarter.

Dinner will commence at 19:00 BST.

Kindly confirm any dietary requirements or allergies (this will be included in the registration).

Accommodation: Suggested Hotels
(information subject to change)

1. [Ten Hill Place](#) (4*)

Address: 10 Hill Place, Edinburgh EH8 9DS

- Distance to venue: next door, 1-minute walk
 - Nightly Rate: £209 per night, inclusive of breakfast (a city tax may apply). Discount available for an additional person in the room.
 - Cancellation Policy: Free cancellation within 24 hours.
 - Booking Details: Contact reservations at 0131 662 2080 or reservations@tenhillplace.com.
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2. [ibis Edinburgh Centre South Bridge](#) (3*)

Address: 77 South Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1HN

- Distance to venue: 3-minute walk
 - Nightly Rate: from £170.83 per night inclusive of breakfast (a city tax may apply).
 - Cancellation Policy: Depends on your rate choice.
 - Booking Deadline: no deadline, availability based.
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3. [Virgin Hotels Edinburgh](#) (5*)

Address: 1 India Buildings, Victoria Street, Edinburgh EH1 2EX

- Distance to venue: 11-minute walk
 - Nightly Rate: £260 per night for single occupancy, £280 for double occupancy, inclusive of breakfast (a city tax may apply).
 - Cancellation Policy: Free cancellation until 3 PM, 14 days before arrival. Full non-refundable payment required after the deadline.
 - Booking Details: [Faculty of Actuaries Booking Code April 2025](#) Group Code: 5397888
 - Booking Deadline: 7 March 2025
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4. [Courtyard by Marriott Edinburgh](#) (4*)

Address: 1-3 Baxter's Place, Edinburgh EH1 3AF

- Distance to venue: 21-minute walk
- Nightly Rate: from £260 per night, inclusive of breakfast (a city tax may apply).
- Cancellation Policy: Free cancellation within 24 hours.
- If guests wish to extend their stay, they can contact the reservation team to check availability for the extended dates while making their booking - Jennifer.Miller@courtyardedinburgh.co.uk

5. [Edinburgh Marriott Hotel Holyrood](#) (4*)

Address: 81 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom, EH8 8AU

- Distance to venue: 11-minute walk
- Nightly Rate: £225 per night for single occupancy and £235 for double occupancy, inclusive of taxes and fees and buffet breakfast.
- Booking Details: [Book your group rate for AAE Spring Meetings 2025](#)
- Booking Deadline: 10 March 2025.
- If guests wish to extend their stay, they can contact the reservation team to check availability for the extended dates while making their booking - Jennifer.Miller@courtyardedinburgh.co.uk

Transportation to Edinburgh City Centre

1. Direct transport from Edinburgh Airport:

- **Airlink 100 bus:** Runs every 10 minutes, operating 24 hours a day. The journey takes around 30 minutes, with stops at key points in the city center.
- **Trams:** Edinburgh Trams run every 7 minutes from the airport to the city center (St. Andrew Square) and take about 35 minutes.
- **Night buses:** The N22 runs between the airport and city center from 00:45 to 04:15.

2. Taxis from Edinburgh Airport to city center:

- Available directly outside the Arrivals Terminal. Approximate fare is £25-£30, and taxis accept cash and card payments.
- Alternatively, use ride-hailing apps like **Uber** or **Bolt**.

Places to Visit in Edinburgh

Edinburgh Castle

Perched atop Castle Rock, this iconic fortress offers stunning views over the city and a deep dive into Scottish history. Don't miss the Crown Jewels and the Stone of Destiny.

The Royal Mile

A walk down this historic street, which connects Edinburgh Castle to Holyrood Palace, offers a glimpse of Edinburgh's medieval heart. It's lined with shops, cafes, and important historical sites.

Arthur's Seat

For the adventurous, hike up this extinct volcano in Holyrood Park. At the summit, enjoy panoramic views of Edinburgh and beyond.

National Museum of Scotland

Discover Scotland's rich history, from prehistoric times to the present day, at this free-to-enter museum located near the Royal Mile.

For the More Adventurous:

Arthur's Seat Sunrise Hike

Start early and hike up to Arthur's Seat, reaching the summit just in time for sunrise. It's a rewarding experience with breathtaking views over the city, the coast, and the surrounding landscape.

Whisky Tasting Tours

Scotland is renowned for its whisky. Join a tasting tour to learn about the history and production process, and, of course, sample some world-class whiskies.

For more information:

- **Places to Visit in Edinburgh:** [VisitScotland - Edinburgh](#)
- **Things to Do in Edinburgh:** [TripAdvisor - Edinburgh](#)