

1987—ASTIN COMPETITION FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS

ASTIN (Actuarial Studies in Non-Life Insurance) is a section of the International Actuarial Association that has as its main objective the promotion of actuarial research, particularly in non-life insurance.

The Committee of ASTIN has decided to hold a second competition for young researchers. The competition is open to anyone of any nationality, whether or not employed in the insurance industry, whether or not holding a degree in actuarial science. The only condition is that participants should have been born after April 30th, 1954.

Prizes will be awarded to the three papers judged best relative to years of actuarial experience, technical training and the type of employment of the author. For example, very young researchers with limited actuarial experience will not be held to the same standards as older researchers teaching in universities.

Entries must be typewritten and may be in English or French. Participation in the competition implies automatic submission to the ASTIN Bulletin. Particularly, it implies that the paper contains original unpublished work and is not being submitted for publication elsewhere. The paper should not exceed 25 typewritten pages in length. Ph.D. theses are not acceptable. Authors should follow the "Instructions to Authors" of the ASTIN Bulletin, to be found on the back cover of a recent issue. The papers meeting the standards of the Editorial Board will be published in the ASTIN Bulletin.

Entries must be in the hands of the Editor of ASTIN, Dr. Hans Bühlmann, Nidelbadstrasse 22, CH-8803 Rüslikon ZH, Switzerland, not later than March 1st, 1987.

Entries must be submitted under a pseudonym. Under the same cover, but in a separate sealed envelope, a note is to be enclosed repeating the pseudonym and giving the name, address, occupation, number of years of insurance related employment and age of the author(s).

A jury, composed of industrial and academic ASTIN members, will select the three prizewinning papers. The winners will then be invited, at ASTIN's expense, to attend the 20th ASTIN Colloquium, to be held in the Netherlands, September 1987, where the selected papers will be presented in a special session. The final awards will be announced at the end of that session, the jury taking into account both the quality of the paper and the presentation. In case the entries are judged to be of insufficient quality, the jury retains the right not to award any prize.

If the paper is written by several authors, ASTIN will only meet the travel expenses of one of the authors. In any case, winners are expected to keep their travel expenses at a reasonable level (i.e. by travelling on discount fares).