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8th Young Actuaries Connect 17th May (Friday) Gurugram, Ramada Gurgaon Central

Session 1: Education Curriculum 2019 & Examination Techniques
Presented By: Suresh Sindhi & Varun Gupta



Suresh Sindhi
Director-Actuarial Services
MetLife GOSC

Suresh Sindhi is a qualified Actuary from both IOA and IAI and a post graduate (Statistics) from University of Pune. Currently he is working as a Director-Actuarial Services. Suresh has around 20 years of actuarial experience in Product development & Pricing, Statutory Valuation, Business Planning, Experience Analysis, EV, VNB, Economic Capital, IFRS-17. Over the last two decades he has designed and priced more than 100 insurance products for various Indian insurance companies. He also worked as a consulting actuary for Indian insurance companies and many corporate clients for their retirement benefit schemes (such as gratuity and leave encashment schemes). He is a member in two advisory groups of IAI and has been a volunteer in the educational activities of IAI.

His interest is in the areas of IFRS-17, R programming, data science, artificial intelligence and machine learning.



Varun Gupta
Chief Products & Strategy Officer
DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance Company Limited

Varun has over 15 years of experience with prestigious organizations like Max Life Insurance, Towers Watson Consulting and DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance. His areas of specialization are experience investigations and assumption setting, product pricing, business planning, economic capital assessments, enterprise risk management, asset liability management, reinsurance and group business pricing. He has also held the position of Chief Products & Strategy Officer at DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance. Prior to joining DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance he held the position of Corporate Vice President and Head - Financial Planning and Risk Management at Max Life Insurance. Varun has an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata with a double major in Finance and Marketing. He is a Fellow of Institute of Actuaries of India (FIAI) and Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFA) UK (Specialization in Life Insurance). He is also a Chartered Enterprise Risk Actuary (CERA) from IFA UK. Varun is also involved in initiatives related to actuarial education in India and has served as the Chairperson, Examination Advisory Group of IAI (Institute of Actuaries in India) in the past.



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Session 2: Opportunity in Insurance areas (Life, General, Health, Pension, Risk)

Presented By: Saigeeta Bhargava & Puneet Sudan



**Associate Director and Lead
Actuarial Services
PwC India**

Saigeeta is a Fellow from IFoA with specialization in Life Insurance and with more than 10 years of total actuarial experience in Insurance and Consulting. Saigeeta is leading the actuarial practice for PwC India with extensive experience in due diligence, regulatory guidance to new insurers/reinsurers, embedded value, enterprise risk management, statutory reporting, experience studies, IFRS 17, asset liability management and IAS 19.



**Puneet Sudan
Consultant
Paramount Consultants**

Puneet Sudan is an Economics Post Graduate from Delhi School of Economics and Actuary (from UK and Indian profession). He has worked extensively in the domain of pricing, product filing, reserving etc. with leading insurers. He has experience of working both in the Indian Market and in multiple overseas markets. His last role was Appointed Actuary with the 3rd largest Private Sector General Insurance Company in India. In January 2018 he set up his own consulting practice (Paramount Consultants) to provide value proposition to the insurers. Puneet has interests in General Insurance, Health Insurance, Data Analytics etc.

Session 3: Opportunity in Wider Areas (Data Science & Analytics, Banking, Finance & Investment)

Presented By: Khushwant Pahwa



**Khushwant Pahwa
Founder and Consulting Actuary
KPAC (Actuaries and Consultants)**

Khushwant Pahwa is a Consulting Actuary with over 10 years of work experience, providing consultancy in various actuarial practice areas. He is a qualified Actuary (being a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of India and Institute of Actuaries, UK) and a commerce graduate (Bachelor in Commerce (Honours)) from the University of Delhi. He has worked in various actuarial practice areas including life insurance, general insurance and employee benefits. He is Founder and Consulting Actuary at KPAC (Actuaries and Consultants).



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He is also a member of the Advisory Group on Pensions, Other Employee Benefits & Social Security and Advisory Group on Life Insurance of the Institute of Actuaries of India. He has co-authored and presented papers at the Global Conference of Actuaries on topics of "Corporate Governance" and "Regulatory and Reputational Risk Management". During his previous assignments/roles, he was nominated for and attended management training for future leaders at Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad (one of the top Management Schools of India). He was also recognized for outstanding contribution at a regional (Asia Pacific) level and nominated for Staff Regional Recognition Programme held in Malaysia in 2010. He was also rewarded with awards like 'Value Ambassador', Award for Business Excellence and award for outstanding performance.

Session 4: Moving between markets (India and abroad) - opportunities and challenges Presented By: Akshay Dhand



Akshay Dhand
Appointed Actuary
Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance Co. Ltd.

Akshay is currently serving as the Appointed Actuary of Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance. Akshay has close to 16 years of work experience. Before joining his current organization, Akshay worked with Deloitte LLP and HSBC Life in the UK. He has also been the Chair of the Education Advisory Group of the IAI in the past. He holds a Masters in Actuarial Science with Distinction from City University, London and a Bachelors in Mathematics from St Stephen's College, University of Delhi. He is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Actuaries of India and the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (UK).

Session 5: Cracking the recruitment & selection process Presented By: Gautam Rao



Gautam Rao
Head HR - Non Distribution
Max Life Insurance

HR professional with 13+ years of experience across Retail, FMCG, Healthcare and BFSI organizations. An Individual with explorative attitude and experimentation mindset. A core partner to business in providing all talent solutions. Known for sharp business acumen, ability to provide prudent decisions and influencing decision-makers. An active coach to supervisors, a buddy to employees, an advocate to the organization and a learner in self. A transformative partner to Appointed Actuary and the Actuarial team for last 4 years. A key decision maker in defining and changing the actuarial talent fabric to build a future ready organization.