



# Institute of Actuaries

## Sessional Meeting

### *Scoping Mortality Research*

**Monday 22 September 2008, Staple Inn Hall at 5.00 pm**

An ordinary general meeting of the Institute of Actuaries will be held on Monday 22 September 2008 at 5.00 p.m. at Staple Inn Hall, High Holborn, London WC1V 7QJ. Tea will be served from 4.30 p.m.

The paper, by Dr Catriona Macdonald, was sponsored by the Mortality Research Steering Group.

With lower inflation and interest rates over the last decade or so, the importance of mortality risk to actuarial practice has increased. At the same time the difficulties in predicting future mortality have become more apparent. Society as a whole, government and industry are all having to grapple with an ageing population and increased life expectancy.

It is against this background that the Actuarial Profession reconsidered its approach to research. The profession recognised that there was a great deal of knowledge and research in other disciplines which it could draw on to improve our understanding of past, present and future trends in mortality. To better understand the current state of knowledge and to identify the gaps where future research might be required, the steering group commissioned a scoping study to survey relevant disciplines and identify key research which best described the current state of knowledge on aspects of mortality.

The aim of this meeting is to present the results of the scoping study to the actuarial profession and to invited guests from the many other disciplines with an interest in mortality research. We hope that this will help raise awareness of the range of material that is available and bring people together to share some of their knowledge and foster working relationships between them.

The scoping group will also bring the audience up to speed with the activities of the Mortality Research Steering Group and its plans for the future.

The paper will be available for downloading around 5 September from the profession's website at <http://www.actuaries.org.uk/sessional/sm20080922.pdf>

Anyone wishing to claim CPD for attending the meeting should ensure that they sign the register of attendees that will be available on the night, although all members are responsible for entering their own CPD activity records.

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