



Institute
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General Insurance Research Organisation Committee (GIRO)

Research and thought leadership:

- identify, promote and foster research opportunities, including:
 - Oversight and guidance of member-led research initiatives, in accordance with the *Guidance for new working parties*;
 - working with the IFoA Executive team to:
 - establish links with universities and external research bodies
 - identify topics/areas for commissioned research
 - review and evaluation of commissioned research
 - identify topics for sessional research programme and source volunteers to peer review papers and chair events.
- support annual conference programme development (facilitate working party involvement in liaison with the relevant conference programme committee)
- foster cross-practice research activity where there are overlapping interests e.g. Solvency II. This includes the incorporation of Risk Management into research initiatives, in accordance with the Risk Management (RM) strategy. In practical terms it may include attendance and participation at cross-practice meetings (such as the Cross-practice Research Committee) and events and working with other practice area representatives on projects
- be aware of, and advise other members on, the process for applying for funding to support member-led research initiatives (from the member support funding pool and, for example, the FTSE fund)
- maintain a watching brief on the progress of and needs of existing member-led working parties.
- facilitate knowledge sharing opportunities and best practice through working collaboratively with the Research and Thought Leadership Committee (RTLCL).

Conference programme:

- planning and development of the annual residential practice area conference including:
 - determining the recommended theme of the conference
 - the programme content (plenaries, workshops and speakers)
 - approaching and confirming potential speakers
 - leading on drafting editorial of the content for marketing purposes
 - where appropriate helping the events team to identify suitable event partners to be approached for sponsorship to help finance the event
 - input and advice to assist the Events team to manage the logistics of the event, as required.
- in working on the above the committee will:
 - work with Events and Practice Executive staff, who will provide advice and guidance as to the logistics and timelines, and will lead in implementing planning for the event.

- submit the recommended theme and topic content of the conference to the Board for approval
 - provide regular reports to the ECPD Committee and Research and Thought Leadership Committee (as appropriate according to responsibility delegated by the Board) on the development of the programme and delivery of ECPD, seeking feedback and advice as appropriate
 - identify, promote and provide opportunities for education and research focussed sessions during the conference.
 - follow best practice guidelines including
 - considering feedback from previous conferences (topics and speakers) to guide the content and planning of the conference
 - work to ensure the conference provides CPD across a range of topics and levels
 - if appropriate incorporate Risk Management sessions in accordance with the Risk Management (RM) strategy, and ensure that Risk Management sessions are appropriately branded in the marketing material
 - seek input from its Board as applicable
 - seek input from public affairs representatives.
- In addition to programme content, the Committee will work with the Executive team to contribute to the successful delivery of the Conference, measurable by delegate evaluation forms.