



## 2024 EDUCATION EVENTS

### **Including IRUA's Reinsurance Basic Syllabus Program**

*(All Presented via Webinars Until Further Notice)*

*(As of 10/17/24 & Subject to Change)*

In 2021, the IRUA introduced a **"Basic Syllabus Program"** aimed at those who have just entered or who have only a few years of experience in the industry. It is intended to be a **"Reinsurance Primer Series"** of twelve basic topics to be offered on a rolling 2 to 3- year cycle. The topics are marked with an asterisk\* and are listed below in **Green**.

***A Certificate will be awarded to those participants who complete 10 DIFFERENT SESSIONS of the 12 topics listed and you do not need to be with an IRUA member company to participate in the Certificate program.***

#### **JOINT EVENT WITH THE REINSURANCE UNDER40s GROUP: UPDATE ON CYBER - JANUARY 18**

*This is a first of its kind collaboration in New York City with the ReUnder40s Group and was held IN-PERSON at Munich Re's New York office. A Cyber seminar featuring noted speakers was followed by a Happy Hour reception.*

#### **WALL STREET VIEW OF THE INSURANCE/REINSURANCE INDUSTRY – FEBRUARY 8**

*Seth Bair, Managing Director and Head of the Insurance Investment Banking Group at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods again provided his excellent and insightful annual update of the financial/ investment markets view of our industry.*

#### **CAT MODELING FOR UNDERWRITERS & BROKERS\* - MARCH 21**

*Guy Carpenter's Sarah Maciorowski, Vice President, North America Catastrophe Advisory and James Gazak, Assistant Vice President, North America Catastrophe Advisory, explained in detail what the components, acronyms and key metrics mean and how data drives modeling results. Different models – including for emerging risks - their output, were presented and how they can be interpreted and applied.*

#### **IRUA ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING & CONFERENCE - APRIL 22 - 24**

##### **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, Florida**

*After several years on the beach, our Annual Conference moved a little inland to a new and exciting location. The Conference Committee worked hard on planning a program with plenty of thought-provoking and informational technical sessions and panels as well as plenty of excellent networking opportunities at a great location. Feedback has been overwhelming!*

#### **POLITICAL VIOLENCE: INSIGHTS & IMPACTS – MAY 21**

*Political Violence varies widely in form, severity and practice. Protecting against the devastating effects of political violence, including strikes and terrorism, requires that businesses understand their insurance/reinsurance options. Alex Mican, Head of PCS Global Strategy and Growth at PCS, a Verisk business and Andre Wright, Product Development Manager expertly addressed the topic in detail.*

#### **CYBER UNDERWRITING UNMASKED\* - JUNE 20**

*Our panel of cyber experts from across the value chain discussed and explained the development of cyber exposures from how it is recognized today to its continuing and ongoing evolution. Current challenges facing insurers, reinsurers and brokers were detailed along with possible market developments. Ho-Tay Ma of SCOR moderated a lively discussion featuring Hanumita Gupta, QBE North America; Brian Lewis, Lockton Re; Tatjana Loepker, SCOR and Courtney Mauge of NFP Insurance.*

#### **REINSURANCE ACCOUNTING FOR UNDERWRITERS & BROKERS \* - AUGUST 6**

*U.S. Insurance and Reinsurance accounting is unique to the industry. In this session, Shaya Altschuller, CPA, Arch Re's Corporate Controller, provided an excellent High Level Annual Statement orientation and analytics review with an explanation*

of the mechanics of insurance/reinsurance accounting including how and why Statutory Accounting Principles (SAP) – the Annual Statement - varies from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The differences between facultative and treaty accounting and how proportional and non-proportional business is accounted for were also addressed.

### **ALL ABOUT REINSURANCE CONTRACTS\* - SEPTEMBER 17**

The types of reinsurance contracts – pro-rata and excess of loss - and the various articles which play important roles in the application of contracts to the insurance and reinsurance business are complex. Kortney Dick and Nicole L. Turner from BMS Re guided us through the fundamentals of reinsurance contract wording, areas of focus as they pertain to key terms and conditions and touched upon current trending topics. Ms. Dick is a Senior Vice President and Ms. Turner a Vice President in the Minneapolis area, Minnesota and Chicagoland, Illinois offices respectively.

### **CALIFORNIA PROPERTY – TURMOIL OR OPPORTUNITY? - OCTOBER 2**

Kevin Stein, CEO and Co-Founder of Delos Insurance reprised his excellent 2024 Conference session. Using patented AI wildfire risk models Delos, a California based MGA, is able to offer coverage to millions of low-risk homes that the industry had mis-categorized as high risk.

### **CASUALTY UNDERWRITING FOR NON-CASUALTY PROFESSIONALS\* - OCTOBER 15**

This Basic Syllabus webinar presented the underwriting process of casualty exposures to those who are new or relatively new to casualty underwriting. Non-underwriters also benefited from this session. James Wilson, again covered in detail the basic aspects of non-professional casualty lines; the submission requirements; underwriting process and timeline. Industry veteran Mr. Wilson is Senior Vice President/Senior Underwriter, Casualty at Partner Re US.

### **REINSURANCE CLAIMS AUDITS\* - NOVEMBER 6**

Our classic Reinsurance Audits session will again focus on practical and useful insights on how and why to perform thorough claims audits from a Reinsurer's perspective. Frank DeMento, Esq. of TransRe is an experienced industry professional for whom auditing is a significant part of his work and he will provide an up-to-the-minute expose of current practices, strategies, and value-added input.

## **2025 Events to Include the following & others being planned!**

### **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE and (RE)INSURANCE – JANUARY 16**

Hybrid IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL event at Mayer Brown LLP Midtown NYC office  
Presenters: Max Aronchick (Guy Carpenter), Vikram Sidhu (Mayer Brown) & Tim Brockett (Munich Re)

### **WALL STREET VIEW OF THE INSURANCE/REINSURANCE INDUSTRY - FEBRUARY**

Seth Bair, Managing Director and Head of the Insurance Investment Banking Group at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods

### **REINSURANCE CASUALTY UNDERWRITING AUDITS\* - MARCH**

### **IRUA ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING & CONFERENCE – APRIL 5-7- Charleston, SC**

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive from a record number of attendees!

### **ACTUARIAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE NON-ACTUARY\* - MAY**

Michael Schummer, ACAS MAAA, Senior VP and Casualty Team Lead at Munich Re America

### **REINSURANCE PROPERTY UNDERWRITING AUDITS\* - JUNE**

Christiane Gross, Senior VP & Property Underwriting Team Lead, Munich Re America & John Ferris, JC Ferris Advisors, Inc.

### **REINSURANCE STRUCTURES\* - SEPTEMBER**

Duane Hynes, Vice President, Holborn Corporation

### **REINSURANCE PROPERTY UNDERWRITING – THE BASICS\* - SEPTEMBER**

Christina Rutte, Property Treaty Underwriter, Munich Re in Munich, Germany and Matthew Doherty, Vice President and Property Treaty Underwriter, Partner Re US

### **THE U.S. AND WORLD REINSURANCE MARKETS\* - OCTOBER**

### **FOREVER CHEMICALS AND PFAS - NOVEMBER**

Frank DeMento J.D., Senior Vice President and Head of the US Custom, Latin American and Caribbean Claims Units, Trans Re