

Around the associations

Spotlight on Slovenia (SI.RISK)

The small country of Slovenia is truly at the centre of Europe. It touches the Alps and the Mediterranean and has borders with Italy, Croatia, Hungary and Austria. It also has a small but enthusiastic risk management community whose association, SI. RISK, is one of FERMA's newest members.

The capital Ljubljana was the venue for a presentation on FERMA by Secretary General Pierre Sonigo and Executive Manager Florence Bindelle in November which brought together members of SI. RISK and the faculty of economics at Ljubljana University, and representatives of the national insurance, broking and audit associations.

According to SI. RISK President Maja Sustersic, the seminar was very useful in strengthening contacts with the university and industry representatives, and for them to see the value of the association's FERMA membership. The university, she said, currently has risk management as part of separate courses, but it is now looking at bringing together the different topics into a single short course and wants to work with SI. RISK. There is also interest in the FERMA-ECIIA Guidelines on Implementation of the 8th European Company Law Directive.

SI. RISK has three events so far planned for 2012. In March there will be an event on supply chain risks. In May, a practical seminar on risk management in subsidiaries, which will cover also how to do international programmes, since companies in Slovenia are doing business in other parts of the former Yugoslavia and abroad, and risk managers need to understand the regulatory and political exposures. The third will take place in September when the members will discuss risk management standards.

Agers (Spain)

More than 300 risk managers and representatives of the insurance industry took part in AGERS's 17th annual seminar on expectations for the coming insurance renewal season, held in Madrid in November. Much discussion covered the current economic and Eurozone crises and their implications, followed by consideration of the current market for specific insurance classes, including liability, property damage and financial risks. Delegates also learned from the office of the insurance regulator that Solvency II could enter into force in Spain in January 2014.

AGERS says the seminar day on insurance programme renewals 2012 was particularly valuable in the current, volatile economic situation and as a way of approaching the strategies that the insurance sector will use to face the realities of the coming months.



according to the second annual Airmic casualty benchmarking survey. The key issues remained consistent with last year's results: global compliance with local tax laws and with legal, regulatory and insurance regulations. Another top priority is getting policies issued in a timely fashion.

The benchmarking survey was sponsored by Chartis which drew attention to the contrast between the economic environment and the insurance strategies employed by many companies.

Annual conference: The 2012 annual Airmic conference will be held in Liverpool from 11-13 June.

AMRAE (France)

The 20th Rencontres de l'AMRAE, the association's annual gathering, will take place in Deauville from 8-10 February 2012. At one plenary session, FERMA President Jorge Luzzi and the President of AMRAE, Gilbert Canameras, will provide a tour of risk management practice across Europe with the help of risk managers from several countries.

There will also be a workshop dedicated to FERMA themes, moderated by Vice President Michel Dennery with the participation of Jorge Luzzi.

Airmic (UK)

Annual dinner

The annual Airmic dinner held in London drew 761 members and guests who heard the CEO of Lloyd's Richard Ward as guest speaker and Airmic chair, Paul Taylor, a former FERMA board member.

Survey: Risk managers' concerns little changed, despite turbulence

Global economic and political uncertainty has had little impact on global insurance programmes,

ANRA (Italy)

Recent ANRA events have included its annual conference on the subject of "Back to insurance: which solutions in less secure world?", plus a training course on claims handling and a presence at a workshop on finance and administration at a top Italian management forum.

Activities in early 2012 include training courses on risk management 1st and 2nd module and claims handling.