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Press release

**UAAM-VVOV, Lieve Lowet, partner ICODA European Affairs and AMICE
launch the European Mutual Insurance Award**

Brussels, 7 December 2016 - AMICE (Association of Mutual Insurers and Insurance Cooperatives in Europe), Lieve Lowet, partner of ICODA European Affairs and (mutual) insurance expert, and UAAM-VVOV, Union des Association d'Assurance Mutuelle/Verbond der Verenigingen van Onderlinge Verzekering, which represents the Belgian mutual and cooperative insurance undertakings and groups, **have launched a new biennial European Mutual Insurance Award today**, encouraging younger members of the industry and academia to pursue research on the mutual and cooperative insurance model

A prize of 2500 euro will be granted every two years to a research paper of academic quality that makes a significant and original contribution to the study of the organisation of mutual and cooperative insurance.

The topic of the first award is the treatment of mutual insurers under Solvency II. The subject can be treated from a European perspective, or from that of an EEA or equivalent jurisdiction. Deadline for submissions is 15 January 2018.

The Award will be announced and presented at AMICE's biennial congress, to take place in Stockholm in, June 2018, to which the winner will be invited.

For submission rules: www.icoda.eu, info@uaam-vvov.be or www.amice-eu.org.

ICODA European Affairs was founded in Brussels in 1991. It offers companies, trade associations, interest groups and others state of the art knowledge, expertise and advice in EU decision making, legislation and policy. Lieve Lowet joined in April 2008 and focuses on the financial services sector, with a specialization in insurance.

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AMICE was created in January 2008 and its prime purpose is to ensure that the voice of the mutual and cooperative insurance sector in Europe is heard and that the interests of its members are taken into account in securing a level playing field for all insurers in Europe regardless of their legal form. It provides a platform for mutual and cooperative insurers of all sizes to combine resources and expertise, exchange experiences across national borders and discuss key issues and concerns relating to planned legislative and regulatory changes and developments.

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