



European Mutual Insurance Award 2018

UAAM-VVOV, Lieve Lowet, partner at ICODA European Affairs and AMICE, are jointly sponsoring and promoting The European Mutual Insurance Award, which aims to encourage research and analysis in the field of mutual insurance legislation in Europe.

The Award will be granted by an expert jury to the author of a research paper of academic standard that makes a significant and original contribution to the study of EU law related to the organisation of mutual and cooperative insurance.

The Award will be given biennially, commencing in 2018. For each edition, the jury will choose a different topic to be announced not later than 1 January of the preceding year.

The 2018 jury will consist of members representing the sponsors, the academic world and the specialist press.

The Award will be announced and presented at the occasion of the sixth AMICE Congress, Stockholm, 3-5 June 2018.

Background

UAAM-VVOV, Union des Association d'Assurance Mutuelle/Verbond der Verenigingen van Onderlinge Verzekering, was created in 1971. It represents the Belgian mutual and cooperative insurance undertakings and groups.

Lieve Lowet, partner at ICODA European Affairs, has been active in the insurance sector for more than 20 years. She was Secretary General of AISAM, prior to the creation of AMICE. She has since maintained a particular interest in mutual insurers.

AMICE, the Association of Mutual Insurers and Insurance Cooperatives in Europe, focuses on advocacy for the mutual and cooperative insurance sector, in particular with European institutions. It was created in 2008.

Submission rules

- A valid submission shall be a research paper of academic standard of no more than **20 pages (10,000 words)**. Applicants may include up to 5 pages of footnotes at the end of the article (Chicago-style, Author-Date system) and a bibliography in addition to the paper.
- The deadline for applications for the 2018 Award will be **15 January 2018 24h00 CET**.
- Any student, graduate and/or career professional under 40 years of age or a team thereof, including university researchers and academics, may submit a paper.
- The paper must be submitted in English or Dutch or French.
- Submissions must include an English abstract of 500 words, which will not be counted as part of the 10,000 word limit.
- Two copies of each submission must be provided to the Secretariat of the Award. One copy of the submission must include the name(s) of the author(s). The other copy must be anonymous. Papers must be sent by email in PDF format to the Secretariat of the Award info@uaam-vvov.be; CVs of authors should be included. In the case of submission by a team, the name and email address of a designated contact person must be clearly stated.



- Papers that have already been published will not be considered for the Award. However, a paper based on a defended doctoral thesis that has not yet been published may be submitted.
- Applicants or a team of applicants may submit only one paper.
- Papers will not be returned. Applicants give the Award sponsors permission to publish the paper and/or the abstracts on the sponsors' website(s) and/or the Congress website, and/or in book format and/or in the specialist press.
- There will be no correspondence on the Award.
- The sponsors cannot be held liable if the call for papers is cancelled, shortened, extended or postponed, or if the conditions of participation need to be changed due to force majeure or events beyond their control. The jury reserves the right to halt the call if none of the papers meets the required criteria for the designation of the winning article, as well as the right to extend the call if the proposed papers are not sufficient in quality or number, and such without being held liable.

The Winner

- The jury will elect one applicant or applicant team for the Award. The decision of the jury is irrevocable.
- The winner or winning team of the European Mutual Insurance Award will receive 2,500 euros.
- A runner-up will receive an honourable mention and an Award certificate.
- Applicants will be informed of the jury's decision no later than 1 May 2018.
- The winner or one representative of the winning team should be present at the Award presentation.
- The Award presentation will be held at the 2018 AMICE Congress. Information about the Award winner and the presentation will be circulated in a press release.
- The jury reserves the right not to choose a winner for any given year if the jury is of the opinion that none of the submissions fits the criteria of the Award.
- The winner or one representative of the winning team will be sponsored to attend the Award presentation.

Topic

- 2018: The treatment of mutual insurers under Solvency II. The subject can be treated from a European perspective or from the perspective of any other jurisdiction. Focus can be on any aspects of Solvency II as it pertains to the mutual insurance sector. For example, it can be on specific pillar 1 and/or pillar 2 and/or pillar 3 issues, and may be comparative in nature.

The Award presentation for the 2018 edition will take place in Stockholm, Sweden, on 3-5 June 2018.