

In 2010 the Life Discussion Group (LDG) enjoyed another successful year in providing relevant and topical education sessions for the Life Industry.

The number of people attending the monthly lunch time meetings ranged between 55 to 110.

A diverse selection of speakers and topics were covered including:

Basil Stavropoulos, Argus Lawyers	Legal Mythbusters
Geoff Street, Streetsmart Consulting Grant Williamson, Zedmed	A revolution in the process of obtaining medical information
John Harrison, Reed Group Asia Pacific Dr Jack Cygler, UHG	How external service providers add value to the Life Insurance Industry
Prof. Dennerstein	Depression
Helen Rowell, APRA Stuart Bingham, APRA	APRA session
Dr Ian De Saxe, IMO	Personality disorders
Ted Voges, ING Scott Rosengren, Munich Re Paul Hastings, LifeRisk Insurance Solutions	Forensic Accounting, Financial Underwriting & the Claims impact
Vanessa Dobson, Munich Re	The Technology Wave
Dr Tim Anderson, IMO	Obesity
Roger Garret, Munich Re	The value of Life Insurance + other insights

In addition to our regular lunch time sessions the LDG held its 2nd Law for Life Insurers seminar for the life insurance industry. This seminar was an introduction to legal concepts, the Insurance Contracts Act (1984) as well as a number of selected court decisions on death, TPD, income protection and trauma cover. The speakers were Basil Stavropoulos, Argus Lawyers, and Elizabeth McCarthy Jones, ING.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to express our gratitude to all the speakers who volunteered their time to give presentations and share knowledge and experience with the attendees of the Life Discussion Group.

I would also like to thank Holly Dorber, Emma Grainge, Iva Montero, Toni Taglieri and Una Cullen of the FSC for the secretarial support they have all provided to the Life Discussion Group over the last 12 months.

The following Statement of Income & Expenditure outlines the details of funds held by the LDG.

Life Discussion Group – Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period 1 November 2009 to 31 October 2010			
Opening balance	\$10,593.22	Expenses	\$9,954.65
Subscriptions & other income	\$93,409.24	Provision for mistaken payment*	\$79,970.00
		Closing balance	\$14,077.81
	<u>\$104,002.46</u>		<u>\$104,002.46</u>

* A FSC member company mistakenly paid their annual FSC subscription to the LDG account in September 2010.

I would also like to personally thank the Committee members for their hard work and dedication in coordinating the monthly presentations during the year.

Finally, thank you to all member companies of the LDG for your continued support and for encouraging your employees to attend the seminars.

Best wishes to you all, I wish you an enjoyable end of year and a successful 2011.

David Cook
Chairman

Committee of the Life Discussion Group

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