



Insurance Research
Center (IRC)

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Report**

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History

With the aim of organizing insurance studies and developing a fine infrastructure for the growth of insurance industry, the first insurance research office was established in 1997 by Bimeh Markazi. At the end of February 2000, the General Assembly of Bimeh Markazi authorized the foundation of the Insurance Research Center (IRC). On May 18, 2004, the establishment of IRC was officially conceded by the Higher Education Development Council of The Ministry of Science and Technology and initially three research groups were developed in the following areas: Property and Liability Insurance, Personal Insurance, and General Studies in Insurance.

In 2006, two new groups were added to IRC research body namely the Cyber-insurance research group and Islamic Studies of Insurance research groups. Since then, IRC has had five research groups.

Mission

1. To identify the research requirements of the insurance industry;
2. To undertake fundamental, applied, and developmental research projects for the growth of the insurance industry;
3. To provide necessary facilities appropriate for insurance research activities;
4. To promote collaboration with foreign and domestic universities and academic institutes;

5. To provide consultation services to anyone interested based on the latest research findings;
6. To publish academic journals, books, training booklets, and software required for professional training;
7. To organize academic conferences and to present research findings.

Deputy of Research

The deputy of research is responsible for leading, coordinating and supervising all the studies being carried out at IRC. Under the Deputy of Research supervision, since 2009, multiple large-scale research projects have been accomplished. In 2015-2016, 23 thesis/dissertation projects have been sponsored by IRC, 13 research projects have been completed and 35 research projects is yet to be accomplished.

Publications Journals

Iranian Journal of Insurance Research (Quarterly)

The Iranian Journal of Insurance Research is a quarterly journal that has received IF (Impact Factor) from the Islamic World Science Citation Center. Up to now, 120 numbers of this journal has been published. In 2015-2016, 34 out of 273 articles received by the journal office have been published.



Working Paper (Bimonthly)

The Working Paper is published bimonthly and is fundamentally focused on insurance-related case studies and theoretical issues. Since 1998, the Working Paper has been published for 84 times.

Iranian Journal of Risk and Insurance (Annually)

Intended to share the local insurance knowledge and expertise with the international academia, the Iranian Journal of Risk and Insurance has officially published its first annual English edition after a short break in 2015-2016.

Insurance Horizon (Monthly)

Insurance Horizon was officially permitted for publication by the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance in 2010. It is considered to be the first bilingual, informational and analytical insurance paper to be circulated nationwide. In 2015-2016, six number of this journal has been published.

Global and Iranian Insurance Updates (Biweekly - Online)

Emerged with another IRC journal namely Insurance World Updates (1998-2013), Global and Iranian Insurance Updates is an online biweekly journal aimed to keep pace with the fast moving trends in re/insurance industry to deliver updated news from local and global sources. Four numbers of this journal has been published at 2015-2016.

Books

Insurance Research Center has published 195 books since 2008 in various areas of insurance and based on the needs and requirements of the insurance society. In 2015-2016, 30 books (authored and translated) have been published by Insurance Research Center.

Academic Cooperation

Since its birth, IRC has signed many MOU's and agreements with national and international academic institutions such as The College of Economy, Tehran University, Shahid Beheshti University, ECO University, Sharif University, National Association of Insurance Customer Services, Insurance Experts Association, Mazandaran University, Gulf International Institute (Bahrain), Malaysian Institute of Insurance. The general purpose of these collaborations has been to expand professional education and development for the insurance industry. In 2015-2016, eight MOU's was signed with the academia and the market.

Training

Insurance Research Center is considered to be the vehicle for educating the Iranian insurance industry. It holds training courses, workshops, seminars, educational tours and nation-wide exams for agencies and brokers. In 2015-2016, 49 training courses and seminars and 17 nation-wide exams were conducted by IRC.