

Get to know the new chair of the ePlacing Business Implementation Group (ePBIG)

On a personal note

Ralph Koglin taking over from Stephan Lämmle



During the month of August, Stephan Lämmle passed over the reins of the chair role of the ePlacing Business Implementation Group (ePBIG) to Ralph Koglin, who himself is a Ruschlikon veteran. The well organised handover and a joint first meeting with the group allowed a smooth transition.

Ralph Koglin is a seasoned reinsurance professional, working with Swiss Re for more than 23 years. Within the company, he started his career as an expert for geographical information systems. He already worked on solutions to make best use of the vast amounts of data provided with submissions, trying to leverage them for the underwriting process. Over time, he moved more and more into the core business application developments, focusing on underwriting, costing and pricing, first as project manager then as product owner. In 2013, he managed the Underwriting Tools & Systems team. This allowed him to build the end-to-end costing and pricing infrastructure for Swiss Re's treaty business. He is striving to continuously improve the data handling, the data ingestion and the overall processes. At the launch of the Ruschlikon ePlacing initiative, he was involved in the standardisation of reinsurance contracts within the ACORD ePlacing Business Implementation Group (ePBIG).

Ralph says "I am convinced that with the standardised data exchange for placing, we make a significant step forward for all parties involved. We should spend time where it matters most: on modelling, analysing and finding best solutions with the clients. Let's not waste time on formatting and translating data sets over and over again. I feel privileged to take over the chair role and to push the industry forward towards a future of digital placement. This is only possible with the support of the engaged and motivated expert team, representing key insurers, brokers and reinsurers."

Under Stephan's lead, the group made major progress in the definition of the data standards, with a special focus on the facultative portfolio, and issued the ePlacing Implementation guide 1.3. For the ePBIG's most recent achievements, please [read the July e-News here](#) or [listen to the recording of the recent \(24 September 2024\) ePlacing Outreach session](#).

The Ruschlikon community says a big thanks to Stephan and we wish him all the best in the next chapter of his life enjoying his retirement.

Ralph Koglin, Swiss Re and Ruschlikon ePlacing BIG Chair

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