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Letter From the Editor

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I am pleased to present to you the December 2019 issue of *Expanding Horizons*. One particularly pleasant event that occurred during the preparation of this issue was my meeting with professor John Beekman at the 54th Actuarial Research Conference (ARC) held in Indianapolis in August. Professor Beekman is being featured in the current issue as our distinguished academic actuary. I first met him in 1984 when he served as the external examiner for my doctoral thesis while I was a student at the University of Waterloo, Canada. We had not seen each other since then, so I was very happy to meet and have lunch with him and his dear wife, Jane. After lunch I interviewed John (and to some extent Jane, as she often filled in some details and contexts during our discussion). As this was my first formal interview of anyone, I used an audio recorder as well as my cell phone just in case one of them failed.

Once again, we are fortunate to have another thought-provoking submission to the “The Art of Actuarial Practice” series. The contributor this time is Guy Thomas, with his provocative article “From Actuarial Education and Research to Practice.”

Jeff Beckley provides us with his observations on the 54th ARC. Sue Vagts and Shengchao Zhuang invite us to attend the 55th ARC to be hosted by the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) from Sunday, August 9, through Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at the College of Business on the UNL downtown campus.

There are also several fine articles related to actuarial education that were presented at the 2019 Actuarial Teaching Conference held June 27–28, 2019, in Columbus, OH.

As you peruse this issue, I encourage you to send us your feedback on specific articles in this or other recently published issues. You are also invited to send us articles on any aspect of actuarial education and/or research. Although *Expanding Horizons* is not a peer-reviewed scholarly publication, all articles are screened for relevance to the section’s membership. ■



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