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## **Spring Meeting Preview:** Denver, May 2009

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Tom Phillips, FSA, MAAA, is a senior actuary with Principal Financial Group. He can be contacted at phillips.tom@ principal.com. P lease reserve time in your May calendars to attend the 2009 Life Spring Meeting in Denver, Colo. Your section council members are working on a program of sessions that should be informative about the annuity and life insurance product development environment and should improve your product development skills.

The Life Spring Meeting will include several sessions focusing on changes within the life insurance industry related to recent developments (or, some might say, crises) in the U.S. and global financial markets. Speakers from both inside and outside the industry will address recent topics from the emerging financial world. The Product Development Section will contribute sessions that help product development actuaries provide sound advice in developing products in the changing world. The Product Development Section has sessions planned to give product development actuaries perspective on product changes, regulatory changes, and how the public perceives our products. In addition, there will be presentations on hedging challenges and the changed environment for capital markets solutions and securitizations.

Also, there will be updates on life and annuity product design, underwriting and annuity mortality.

As usual, the section will be sponsoring our section breakfast where you can meet and greet your fellow product development actuaries.

This should be an exciting and informative meeting. The council hopes you can attend and looks forward to seeing you there.  $\square$ 

