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THIS EDITION INCLUDES ARTICLES COVERING A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE REACH OF RISK MANAGEMENT IN TODAY'S BUSINESS WORLD.

Risk management has become such an integral part of the way companies do business and operate in the competitive marketplace. The marriage of risk management processes with other key business processes is increasingly becoming leading practice in the industry. We hope you enjoy this diverse set of articles and gain new insights into managing risks within your organization.

In “Trading places,” Tom Herget and Evan Inglis present a case study on pension benefit projection from life company actuaries and pension actuaries prospective. By trading places, it forms a foundation future comparative and analytic work.

Jay Vadiveloo and his team describe how to develop a risk management tool to track, monitor and adjust a wide variety of actuarial assumptions like mortality, lapse or morbidity embedded in the pricing and reserving for any insurance product in “Tracking and Monitoring Claims Experience: A Practical Application of Risk Management.”

“To Complexity and Beyond: A Guided Tour” by Dave Sandberg and Tom Herget introduces a current initiative by IAA—a new reference that will highlight and clarify the increased role and value of the actuary in managing the processes needed for the sustainable development of pooled risk.

Chief Risk Officers contribute their thoughts about the role of the CRO, regulation, organization, risk quantification and future outlook in “Increasing Authority and Higher Organizational Profiles: 2014 Insurance CRO Survey.” Chad Runchey and Bill Spinard highlight the ongoing evolution of the role and confirm the increasing impacts of regulations that resulted from the financial crisis.

Last, we provide a list of recent articles and papers that may be of interest to the members. These pieces can provide further information on a broad range of topics. As always, we would like to thank David Schraub

and Kathryn Baker for their support in pulling together what we hope is a thought provoking and insightful newsletter for our readers. ■



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