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It may not be quite “April in Paris” with chestnuts in blossom, but May in Toronto doubtless has some redeeming qualities. All the snow and ice will have surely melted away by then. And there’s very little chance that NHL playoff entanglements will clog up the hotels and restaurants this year. But, best of all, the SOA Life & Annuity Symposium will be held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto from May 5–7, 2013.

The Investment Section will be sponsoring several sessions as this meeting, some in collaboration with other SOA sections. J. Scott Colesanti, who is an associate professor at Hofstra University Law School (and previously spoke at our section hot breakfast at the 2011 L&AS in New Orleans), will be featured in a session titled “Responses to the Global Financial Crisis: A Transnational Perspective.” We are also sponsoring a couple of panel

discussions, namely “Perspectives on Life Insurance and Annuities in the Middle Market” and “Discount Rates for Financial Reporting Purposes: Issues and Approaches.” Emile Elefteriadis will be moderating a point-counterpoint discussion session “Do Long-Term Guarantees in Insurance Products Make Sense?” And the Investment Section will once again be hosting a hot breakfast for early risers on Monday morning.

Aside from the usual sessions and presentations, the Investment Section has teamed up with Albert Moore and the Technology Section to deliver a new networking event Sunday afternoon prior to the meeting—the Thomas C. Barham III Speed Chess Tournament. This event is open to all chess-playing members of any actuarial organization, including actuaries not otherwise attending the symposium. Hope to see you there! ♣



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