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THE 46TH ACTUARIAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE AT UCONN

By James Bridgeman and Emiliano A. Valdez

The Actuarial Program in the Department of Mathematics of the University of Connecticut (UConn) is pleased to host the 46th Actuarial Research Conference (ARC) in 2011. As usual, the conference will span two-and-one-half days of scientific and professional sessions commencing on the morning of Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011 and ending midday on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011. A reception on Wednesday evening, Aug. 10, 2011 will welcome travelers to the conference. The university is located at Storrs in the northeastern part of Connecticut, strategically placed between Boston and New York City. It is 28 miles from Hartford—headquarters and regional headquarters to so many insurance firms and branch offices of major actuarial consulting firms—and not far from the growing insurance presence in Rhode Island. The choice of very reasonably priced dormitory facilities or discounted hotel rates right on campus offer accommodations at walking distance from the conference facility.

We chose the theme "Connecting Theory and Practice" for the conference, highlighting our strong relationships with the insurance industry and with practicing actuaries in the surrounding area. To supplement the usual participation of academic actuaries in these conferences, we encourage active participation from practicing actuaries in industry for an exchange of theoretical and practical views. We hope that practicing actuaries learn about the current state-of-the-art theoretical work from academics and that at the same time academics learn about the practical problems faced by practicing actuaries. We look for a good mix of presentations from both academics and practicing actuaries. We are also delighted that the local Hartford/Boston Actuaries Club has joined the effort to promote the conference and encourage industry participation, to assist in the administrative organization of the conference, and to put together a scientific program that will benefit both academics and practitioners.

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For the 2011 ARC we also hope to achieve a greater participation from Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) members than at past conferences. To encourage this, Liberty Mutual, the major Boston-based P&C insurer, has provided principal sponsorship for the conference, including generous funding. We still welcome additional sponsors and contributors to further drive down the cost to participate in the conference, especially for the academics and graduate students who have always been a big part of past ARCs. Donations made out to "University of Connecticut-46th Actuarial Research Conference" can be mailed to James Bridgeman, Department of Mathematics, 196 Auditorium Road U3009, Storrs, CT 06269-3009.

Our university: The university is the state of Connecticut's flagship university and is New England's top-ranked public research institution of higher learning. Founded in 1881, today UConn encompasses 17 schools and colleges, and enrolls more than 29,000 students representing every state in the nation and more than 90 countries. For more information about the university, please visit the [website](#).

Our actuarial program: The UConn actuarial program, which started in 1976 under the leadership of now Professor Emeritus Charles Vinsonhaler, has since evolved into a total enrollment of more than 280 students: 235 undergraduates, 40 professional master's students and eight Ph.D. candidates. The Society of Actuaries recognized the program in the first wave of the Centers of Actuarial Excellence (CAE) designations. Today, one of its first graduates, James Trimble, directs the program following a 30-year career with Hartford Life, including service as its chief international actuary, chief actuary and chief risk officer. The affiliated Janet and Mark L. Goldenson Center for Actuarial Research provides applied research for the insurance and financial services industries and offers students practical exposure to industry issues. Please [click here](#) to learn more about our program.

More information about the conference: In addition to scientific and professional sessions, conference social events will highlight Connecticut's historic role at the foundations of the country's insurance and financial businesses. Please [check here](#). Additional details about accommodations, important dates, instructions for submission of abstracts, and registration will be updated on this site as they become available. For additional inquiries, please feel free to email Jim Bridgeman (bridgeman@math.uconn.edu). We look forward to your attendance at the conference.

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