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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Bill Cutlip


Welcome to another edition of the newsletter of fastest-growing section in the Society. The subject matter evolves with daily changes in society keeping the membership on its toes.

This edition again brings thoughts, ideas and information from around the globe. There's public medical insurance from New York; Part 1 of an article on newly enacted public medical insurance from China; how can actuaries learn from and help the CDC; changes in the Caribbean; and, the problems with public finance and taxation for retirement programs in Europe.

There's also a new feature in this edition—"This and That"—noteworthy and newsworthy items to whet your appetite to do some more research on your own.

So much is happening in the world that impacts actuaries. Social insurance and public finance may not be specific areas of practice for you but the results of government and social financial actions certainly affect your personal if not professional lives.

We also have opportunities to help friends, the public and legislators. Our skills in understanding and measuring risks can put new perspective on questions. We may not be able to supply all the answers but at least we can raise questions for others to ask and perspectives that will cause people to ask questions.

Read the SIPF newsletters. They will help you keep abreast of issues and where to find answers. 

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