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Ambassador Corner

The Ambassador Program is a key initiative established by the SOA International Section. Ambassadors assist in carrying out the Society of Actuaries' international programs.

Ambassadors:

- Identify and develop subjects of international interest for communication to SOA members.
- Identify special needs of SOA members in different areas of the world.
- Help the actuarial profession to grow in areas where the profession is not well developed.
- Function as a valuable resource and link between the SOA and national actuarial organizations and actuarial clubs.

Recent activities of SOA ambassadors:

- Ronald Poon-Affat in Brazil: Published an article in *The Actuary* on the opening up of the reinsurance market in Brazil (2007).
- Luis Caro in Colombia: Board Member on the Asociación Colombiana de Actuarios and frequent speaker at local institutions.
- Cathy Lyn in Jamaica: Member of the Ministry of Finance's Technical Committee which was set up to formulate Pension Reform Legislation. Invited to give keynote address during the University of the West Indies Actuarial Society's (UWIAS) first annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner in February 2007.



Guest Speaker Cathy Lyn, FSA, FIA, shares a light moment with UWIAS President Rohan Hall and Vice President Kerron Blandin.

- Suchin Pongpuengpitpack in Thailand: Set up an area (Actuarial Exam Room) on the Society of Actuaries of Thailand Web site (www.thaiactuary.org) to provide SOA exam news updates and exam information for Thai examinees (2007).
- Nhon Ly in Vietnam: Participated during the second actuarial meeting in Vietnam to create opportunities for professionals to network and re-start building an actuarial community in Vietnam. Also working with other groups to form an official actuarial association in Vietnam.
- Ikram Shakir in Luxemburg: Attended the AGM of the Actuarial Association of Luxemburg (ALAC). He was elected Finance Director of the Board of ALAC.
- Eric Seah in Singapore: Liaises with the secretariat of Singapore Actuarial Society (SAS), making sure conferences and seminar activities in Singapore and the region are communicated through the SAS channel.

Welcome new ambassadors:

- Carrie Cheung is an actuary at ING Life Insurance Company in Tokyo, Japan.
- Carlos Arrocha is an actuary at Swiss Re in Zurich, Switzerland.

To learn more about the program, read the country webpages and find out how to contact your ambassador, please go to the Ambassador Program section on the SOA Web site at <http://www.soa.org/professional-interests/international/intl-ambassador-program.aspx>.

Being an SOA ambassador can be a rewarding and fulfilling activity, if you are interested in finding out more please contact Martha Sikaras at msikaras@soa.org. □