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## Editor's Note

By Carl Hansen

As some readers may have noticed, *International News* is consistently one of the longer newsletters put out by an SOA section. I am sure this has made for some interesting reading as you are sitting on a long flight to some exotic destination. We are working to have more concise issues in the future, but we keep getting excellent articles that the editorial staff thinks people will want to read. Since the International Section represents a very diverse group of people, we try to include something of interest for everyone. Also, many of you have communicated that the newsletter is a good way to keep informed about section activities. This issue is certainly a good example:

- We have five more articles from our annual Country Feature competition, highlighting Singapore, Canada, South Korea, China, and Latin America. Thank you to the remaining authors for your patience in waiting until the April 2010 issue to see your articles printed.
- Several articles address issues of a more technical nature, such as International Financial Reporting Standards, low interest rates, and pensions for expatriates.
- We offer some updates on activities sponsored by the International Section for continuing education and surveying local assumptions.
- Some less technical articles on life experiences make the reading a little lighter.

We also introduce you to the three newly elected International Section Council members and we have some words from Mike McLaughlin, the incoming SOA President.

I encourage all readers to continue contributing articles, whether the article is for the Country Feature competition, or just some material that you want to share with an internationally minded audience. However, please do not be concerned if you think your article is too short! □



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