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Editor's Note

By Carl Hansen

Welcome to another issue of *International News*. I hope that readers will notice that we have added an “Ambassador’s Corner” feature. This ongoing feature will give updates on ambassador activities from various countries. The basic idea came from survey responses of International Section membership. Many members noted that they want more information on the ambassador program—in particular, who the ambassadors are and what they are doing. We hope this new feature will help to make some connections at the local level.

This issue has the remaining four entries from the 2009 Country Feature competition—a diverse selection of articles on the actuarial profession in Barbados, the impact of International Accounting Standards in Taiwan, insurance in Bhutan, and the experiences of an expatriate working in Europe. Thank you to the authors of all of the 2009 entries, and congratulations again to Nicholas Kallis for his prize winning entry on Cyprus, “A Flourishing Career on the Island of Aphrodite,” printed in the August 2009 issue of *International News*. I am pleased to report that the International Section Council will once again sponsor the competition in 2010, with a prize of US\$2,000 to the winning author. We look forward to sharing another cohort of exceptional entries with our readers.

Finally, I would like to give special thanks to Jill Hoffman for her many contributions to *International News*. Jill is helping us kick off our Ambassador’s Corner in this issue, as well as providing readers with another installment in our periodic series on life as an expatriate. □



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