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Chairperson's Corner

By Genghui Wu

Dear International Section Members,
My term as chair of the International Section Council ends at the 2012 SOA annual meeting. Time has certainly passed quickly and I believe that we have accomplished much during my three years on the International Section Council.

I am pleased to report on a year of strong teamwork and good progress in serving section members in several areas, consistent with the plans the council laid out at the start of the year. The following are a few highlights of this year's council activities:

- We have sponsored sessions and arranged speakers for the SOA Annual Meeting, Valuation Actuary Symposium, and Life and Annuity Symposium.
- We have agreed to provide financial support to the Pacific Rim Actuarial Club, country ambassador events in Indonesia, Thailand, and the United Kingdom, sending representatives to the IAA colloquium, SOA annual meeting section breakfast and reception, and other SOA research efforts.
- In collaboration with the Investment Section and the China Regional Committee, we sponsored a SOA ALM Investment Seminar in both Shanghai and Taipei.
- *International News* continues to contain many impressive articles from around the world. I think that it is consistently one of the best of the section newsletters and this is in no small part due to the efforts of the editorial team.
- I am pleased to advise that we have recently completed an updated survey of membership around the world with an excellent response. The responses gathered are being analyzed and will provide a wealth of valuable information to ensure future council priorities are aligned with the input of section membership.
- The International Section Council ran another Country Feature Article Competition this year. We are pleased to see eight great submissions entered into the competition. The winning article appears in this issue.

- We have organized a new volunteer group this year to take the lead in section member communication and related international initiatives. This group will work with the council and SOA staff to enhance the section communication tools with our members and be involved in other SOA activities sponsored by the International Section. With their tremendous effort, we recently formed a section professional group on LinkedIn (over 300 members have registered so far), which aims to provide more effective and advanced ways of communication to our members.
- The International Section continues to be an ongoing supporter of the international experience study work.

The International Section Council has been working aggressively to support the forward-looking initiatives of our profession. We have learned a lot both from comments we have received from our membership as well as our general experiences in the marketplace. But, much more remains to be done. Our ultimate success will depend upon the extent to which we, the section council, are serving your needs as members of this section.

As I look back on my tenure on the International Section Council, I have been lucky to be involved with a group that has displayed such good effort and ability across the board. I would like to thank the other International Section Council members and the many other volunteers who make the section activities a reality. By the time this edition of *International News* is published, section council elections will have concluded and the new council will soon begin its work. I want to take this opportunity to welcome new council members, knowing they will bring a fresh vision to our section as we move ahead on the initiatives identified. I would also like to thank the outgoing council members who have worked long and hard over their terms to advance our collective goals. These individuals have devoted their time and energy to our organization and, I believe, we are well-positioned for the future as a section and as a profession as a result of their efforts.

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Volunteers are the fuel that powers the International Section machinery. I would remind everyone reading this that there are many ways to join the party—from something as simple as writing an article or posting on our LinkedIn group¹, to helping to plan a meeting or webinar—every bit counts.

Finally, I hope that many of you will be able to attend the International Section reception at the annual meeting. It is

a highlight of the year and will give you a chance to meet many of the council members in person. And, hopefully, you will be encouraged to run for council yourselves one day. □

¹To join the LinkedIn group visit <http://linkd.in/Oq3E18>

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On November 14 the Institute & Faculty of Actuaries will conduct a **Professionals Skills Course**. This seminar will provide up to 6½ hours professionalism CPD credits for qualified actuaries and students and offers a highly recommended update on professionalism issues.

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