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Ambassador's Corner

New Ambassadors:

The International Section is pleased to advise that Ambassadors have recently been appointed for two more countries: South Africa and Japan. In this edition of the Ambassador Corner, we are providing biographies and 2012-13 work plans for these new Ambassadors. We will continue featuring articles from all of our ambassadors on their respective countries.

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Biography

Sam heads up the analytics department of Guy Carpenter South Africa. Sam's role within Guy Carpenter is analysing and providing risk management solutions using reinsurance arrangements. These solutions are for short term insurance treaty clients, as well as life, disability and liability catastrophe cover for large self insured pension plans and life offices. Prior to Guy Carpenter, Sam worked on the valuation of BEE transactions and other financial instruments at Deloitte and created the credit risk measurement methodology for the Fixed Income department at RMB Asset Management.

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Biography

Eduard is a member of PwC's actuarial practice in Tokyo. He joined PwC in 2011 after accumulating more than fifteen years of diverse experience in both life insurance company and consulting environments. Most recently at PwC, Eduard has been assisting the Japanese subsidiary of a large multinational with the Solvency II implementation of their variable annuity business. He has also been advising a reinsurer with its strategic entry into the Japanese market. Prior to joining PwC, Eduard worked for over five years at the Japanese subsidiary of a large multinational. He was responsible for various aspects of its variable annuity business, including product development and pricing, financial reporting, risk management, model validation, reinsurance, and hedging. In addition, as part of its Executive Committee, Eduard had an influence in the strategic outlook and decision making of the organization, particularly as it concerned the variable annuity business.

Before coming to Japan, Eduard acquired experience in M&A situations from a wide range of perspectives including pre- and post-implementation analysis while working at life insurance companies. He also served in advisory roles for both buy side due diligence and sell side valuation while working for more than

four years at a global actuarial consulting firm. Eduard is a member of several actuarial organizations including the Society of Actuaries, the American Academy of Actuaries, and the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. He also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

2012-13 Work Plan

- Host social events for members of the SOA, IAJ and actuarial organizations to:
- Create an actuarial community for existing SOA members in Japan
- Expand the interaction between SOA members and IAJ members in Japan
- Expand the interaction between SOA members and members of other actuarial organizations other than the IAJ in Japan
- Reach out to SOA members coming to Japan on either short or long term visits to assist them with any issues as necessary
- Assist the SOA with the organization of any SOA events in Japan to provide CPD opportunities for SOA members in Japan
- Provide an article on the Japanese market for the International News to maintain awareness of the Japanese market for interested SOA members
- Write a year-end report to the SOA to update the SOA on Ambassador activities in Japan
- Assist the IAJ with their Overseas trip to SOA Conferences to facilitate knowledge exchange between members of the SOA and the IAJ □

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