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The International Section at the SOA Annual Meeting

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The 2012 SOA Annual Meeting & Exhibit was held in National Harbor, Md., from October 14 to 17. Attendees included members from around the world, and the International Section Council was very busy at the SOA annual meeting.

INTERNATIONAL SECTION COUNCIL MEETING

The International Section Council activities commenced at 5 p.m. on Sunday with our annual council meeting. At the meeting we welcomed three new council members (Carlos Arocha, Rong Rong and Warren Rodericks) and said goodbye to three members (Genghui Wu, Alycia Slyck and Michael Lockerman). The new officers for 2012-2013 were elected, and they are Ben Marshall (chair), Sunil Sen (vice-chair), Carlos Arocha (treasurer) and Rong Rong (secretary). Ben will be commenting in more detail on the council's planned 2013 activities in his "Chairperson's Corner," which may be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION

Our ever-popular Tuesday night annual reception sold out again. As usual, it was an evening of networking and catching up with old friends. This year's event was financially assisted by Reinsurance Group of America and Prudential Financial U.S. This year's event featured several short speeches, door prizes, many varieties of food and an open bar. Tonya Manning, the incoming SOA president, talked about the SOA's international strategy. Several other former SOA presidents were also in attendance. A good time was had by all, and we look forward to seeing many of you again next year. Special thanks to Lina Xu and our financial sponsors for their efforts in making this year's event a success.

ANNUAL MEETING SESSIONS

The International Section was involved with several sessions at the annual meeting. The materials for the sessions may be found on the SOA website.

The first session was a Monday breakfast discussing "SOA International Strategic Objectives." This session was moderated by Ben Marshall and featured Darryl Wagner, chair of the SOA International Committee, and Genghui Wu as the speakers. On Monday afternoon, the International Section sponsored "The European Debt Crisis and the Impact on the Insurance Sector." This session was moderated by Genghui Wu and featured Mike Lombardi and Kulli Tamm as the presenters. We also sponsored Session 110 on Tuesday afternoon: "Interactive Forum: Changing Dynamics in Global Solvency Regimes." Sunil Sen moderated, and Carlos Arocha, Jorge Luis Lopez Araiza, Brian Paton and John Rowland were presenters. All of the sessions received favorable reviews, and we anticipate a high level of participation next year as well. □