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Newly Elected International Section Council Members



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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Carlos Arocha is managing director of Arocha & Associates. With 20+ years' experience in the actuarial consulting and (re)insurance industries, Carlos is broadly-recognized for his technical functional expertise in pricing, risk modeling, and enterprise risk management in a variety of geographies, and in particular, in the developing insurance markets of Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. As an experienced knowledge transfer professional, he has helped a host of insurers think in original ways about their approach to risk assessment and mitigation. He developed SIMM©, a stochastic insurance management model application that illustrates ORSA and ERM concepts for executive training purposes. Prior to Arocha & Associates, Carlos held various positions with Swiss Re, a world-leading reinsurer, from pricing actuary to head of the life insurance training and consulting activities at the Swiss Insurance Training Centre (SITC) in Zurich. Prior to this, he was Director, Latin America with The Mercantile & General Reinsurance Co. Carlos also gained valuable consulting expertise before entering the reinsurance industry with a few

consulting firms, including Hewitt Associates (Aon Hewitt), Watson Wyatt (Towers Watson), and Buck Consultants. Carlos graduated from Universidad Anahuac, Mexico City, with a B.S. in Actuarial Science. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and a Member of the Swiss Association of Actuaries. He serves as the SOA Ambassador in Switzerland, and lives with his wife and three children in Adliswil, a town on the outskirts of Zurich.

SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES EXPERIENCE (SECTION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND PARTICIPATION)

- SOA Ambassador in Switzerland.
- Member of International Section.
- Member of Joint Risk Management Section.

EXPERIENCE (RELEVANT TO CANDIDACY)

While educated in America, Carlos Arocha has broad functional experience in international insurance markets, particularly in solvency regimes and ERM. Carlos started his actuarial career as a consultant, and went on to work for more than 15 years in reinsurance, where he dealt with insurance companies around the world. At present he provides actuarial consulting services in ERM and risk modeling through his own consulting practice, based in Zurich, Switzerland. Besides English, Carlos speaks fluent German and Spanish.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEADING YOUR SECTION?

I am interested in serving on the International Council of the Society of Actuaries by leveraging on my exposure to global markets and having worked with actuaries across borders. I was born in Mexico City, and have lived in Houston, Toronto, and for the past 15 years,

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in Zurich, Switzerland. I spent many years engaged in reinsurance and had the opportunity to work with clients in many countries around the globe, particularly in the less developed insurance markets of Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe. I regularly participate in ASTIN/AFIR meetings, and also in activities of the Swiss Association of Actuaries, where I network with actuaries from other organizations worldwide. I am following international developments in ERM, solvency regimes, and am interested in fostering cross cultural exchanges between SOA members and actuaries from other organizations. I would like to encourage young people to consider the FSA/CERA paths for their professional development.



Rong Rong, FSA, CERA, MAAA, FIA, Risk Actuary, Swiss Re, London U.K.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

I am a Fellow of Society of Actuaries (FSA), Institution of Actuaries (FIA) and a member of American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA) and also a Charted Enterprise Risk Analyst (CERA). I am working for Swiss Re, a world leading reinsurer. My previ-

ous role is to support U.S. individual Life pricing and also involved in different ad hoc projects to help achieve transparency and efficiency in the company's U.S. actuarial community. After completing actuarial exams, I accepted a product actuary role in Swiss Re London office, where I lead and support several U.K. and Ireland Life and Heath pricing tenders across all product lines. Now I am on a secondment to work for Swiss Re group risk management to support risk review and governance. I am always interested in volunteering for SOA: proctoring exams, assisting organize social event, active in research project participating section projects, etc.

SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES EXPERIENCE (SECTION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND PARTICIPATION)

(Covered in professional background)

EXPERIENCE (RELEVANT TO CANDIDACY)

I have worked in international roles for five years. During this time, I have worked in several markets, with my primary focus being Latin America. I have developed contacts with a number of companies and industry organizations (including actuarial organizations). As a result of my professional experience and interactions with international actuaries, I have developed a good understanding of the challenges and opportunities for actuaries in the new global environment.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEADING YOUR SECTION?

I hope to bring more energy, innovation and commitment to the International Section and give back to the actuarial community.



Warren Rodericks, FSA, Senior Manager, Deloitte, Toronto, Ontario

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

I currently work as an actuary for Deloitte Canada, focusing on audit and consulting. I recently returned to Canada from Japan, where I spent over 5 years as a consultant in Tokyo, working on a variety of projects throughout the Asia-Pacific region as well as globally. Prior to that I spent several years working in life insurance and actuarial software companies in Canada. I have volunteered for the International Section while in Japan, and am also a research member of the Institute of Actuaries of Japan (IAJ), sitting on the ERM, Financial Reporting, and Cat Risk sub-committees.

SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES ACTIVITIES

I have been a member of the International. Financial Reporting, Joint Risk Management, and Product Development sections for several years. In addition, I served as the "Japan Ambassador" to the SOA. I have also spoken at the SOA Global ERM webinar.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND

Having worked in a financial capital like Tokyo for a number of years, I have personally experienced the various challenges of working in a multi-national environment involving different products, markets, financial reporting, languages, cultures, and even time zones. In my role as the Japan Ambassador, I worked to provide networking opportunities for the SOA members in Japan and acted as a liaison between the members and the SOA. I also strived to build relationships between the SOA and IAJ. I arranged for the then president of the SOA to speak at an IAJ seminar and meet with the IAJ leadership, and joined the IAJ as a research member. In this capacity, I was able to arrange a joint seminar with the SOA and IAJ. I have also traveled extensively and speak a few languages including Japanese.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN **LEADING YOUR SECTION?**

I have an acute understanding of the challenges of working internationally. Through my work and volunteer experiences, I have become a firm believer in the value of meeting people, sharing information, and building relationships. I want to help others to do the same, and would love to share my experiences with the International Section and its members.