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## Editor's Note

By Carl Hansen

This issue features several entries from the International Section's recent Country Feature Competition, including the second place article on Indonesia by Mitchell Wiener. The winning article ("The Netherlands: Going Strong after the Financial Crisis," by Sunil Sen) appeared in the August 2010 issue. The section will be running the competition again in 2011, so I encourage all readers to start working on their entries!

The section membership recently elected three new council Members: Theo Iaponas, Benjamin Marshall, and Lina Xu. We give you a brief introduction to the three of them on page 5 of this issue. Also, the new council officers for this year are Alan Cooke as chairperson, Michael Lockerman and Genghui Wu as co-vice chairpersons, Ben Marshall as treasurer, and Theo Iaponas as secretary. Congratulations to the new council members and officers. Also, thank you to Darryl Wagner, Rich de Haan, and Joe Chou, who have just completed their terms on the council.

You may notice that this issue of *International News* is thinner than some recent issues. This is an attempt to control your section costs. Printing and mailing the newsletter is the largest single expense for the section, and we want to ensure that section members continue to receive good value for their section dues. However, we will continue to include excellent and diverse (both by geography and practice area) material in the newsletter to keep readers abreast of developments around the world. Going forward, we are experimenting with the idea of posting longer articles directly on the SOA website and including only a summary (and link to the full article) in the newsletter. This approach also allows authors to write longer articles than we would normally publish. For example, please visit the International Section Web page on [soa.org](http://soa.org) to access an article on embedded value financial assumptions in various countries prepared by the SOA's International Experience Study Working Group.

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