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## Editor's Note

By Carl Hansen

The beginning of 2011 marks a time of transition for the *International News* editorial staff. Cathy Lyn and Genghui Wu have completed their time on the editorial staff of *International News*. Thank you to both of them for their efforts on behalf of the International Section and the newsletter in particular. Genghui continues to serve on the International Section Council, while Cathy remains a strong friend of the council and active on many Caribbean and international fronts. Joining the editorial staff are Ben Marshall and Jill Hoffman. Ben is based in Toronto and he currently serves on the International Section Council. Jill has been a frequent contributor to *International News*, especially on expatriate issues. Jill is another Canadian currently based in Singapore.

As the lone non-Canadian on the editorial team, I feel that it is my duty to add some variety. As a result, I have recently relocated from my long-time home of Seattle to Guernsey in the Channel Islands. In case you are not aware, Guernsey is an island with about 65,000 people just off the north coast of France. It is a British Crown Dependency, so there are many influences coming from the north side of the Channel. However, the proximity to France is evident, especially in place names. As an international finance center, Guernsey plays host to many representatives of the banking and insurance industries. It likely boasts one of the highest concentrations of actuaries per capita in the world!

I know that many readers of *International News* are currently working outside their home country. For those of you who have not yet worked abroad, I encourage you to consider it. I am on my second non-U.S. stint now, having also worked in London. Working and travelling internationally with an open mind will give you a much broader perspective on your work, your home country, and especially yourself.

Finally, please consider an entry for the annual Country Feature Article Competition. We are always looking for new authors and topics. More details can be found on page 22.



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