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Ambassador's Corner

NEW AMBASSADORS:

The International Section is pleased to advise that Ambassadors have recently been appointed for three more countries: China, South Korea, and the Netherlands. In this edition of the Ambassador Corner, we are providing biographies and 2011-12 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

Sharon is a consulting actuary at Milliman's Shanghai office. She joined the firm in 2011.

In her current role, she provides support to local and multinational insurance companies in the areas of actuarial due diligence, product design and pricing and financial reporting. Prior to joining Milliman, Sharon worked at the largest life reinsurer in China for six and half years where she gained experience in reinsurance, product devel-

opment, market research, alternative distribution channel management and market entry strategy.

She has worked with life insurers in China on issues pertaining to:

- Product development
- Premium rating
- Asset Liability Management Modeling
- Due diligence and EV appraisal
- Alternative distribution channels
- Market entry and business planning
- Improving cash flow and capital strain using reinsurance

Sharon is fluent in English and Chinese. She is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the SOA China Region Committee, associate of the China Association of Actuaries and a fellow of the Life Management Institute

2011-12 Work Plan

- Participate in the quarterly conference call with Regional Ambassador Coordinator
- Contribute to International News
- Help arrange two or more seminars/webcasts in China
- Encourage the local actuaries here to participate in 2011 Country Feature Article Competition
- Considering that more and more actuaries who are now working/studying in the United States or Europe have interest in coming back to work in China, I plan to provide them some help to introduce the job market in China and relocation.

SOUTH KOREA



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Biography

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2011-12 Work Plan

Assist the SOA in communications with members and correspondents in South Korea.

- Invite visiting SOA members for seminar on industry or academic issues.

- Assist in extending exam centers as needed.
- Assist in logistics for official visits to Korea by SOA members.
- Identify and develop subjects of interest for communication to SOA members through the *North American Actuarial Journal*, *The Actuary*, etc.
- Report important issues around Korean insurance industry.
- Motivate university students to pursue SOA designations (ASA, FSA, CERA).

THE NETHERLANDS



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Biography

Jan is a consulting actuary at Arcturus, her own consultancy in partnership since 2001. Arcturus is an actuarial consultancy providing actuarial support to life and non-life insurers on an interim basis. Prior to Arcturus, Jan operated Hooper Actuarial Services, where she did project work for various insurers.

She is fluent in English and Dutch. She is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries and member of the Dutch Actuarial Society (A.G.).

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2011-12 Work Plan

Assist in establishing exam center (if not already established) and coordinate SOA examinations.

- Attend two local actuarial events (participate as speaker when possible).
- Contact members of the Society of Actuaries in The Netherlands.
- Identify needs and concerns amongst the local SOA members.
- Contact new members as they arrive and assist by providing information as needed.
- Assist members of the SOA in identifying appropriate continuing education opportunities in The Netherlands and the rest of Europe.
- Assist in the logistics for official visits to the region by members of the SOA Board of Directors.

UPDATES

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN



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PRESENTATION AT THE SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES

On June 23rd, we gave a presentation at the School of Economic Sciences at the University of Buenos Aires (FCE - UBA).



The aim of this talk was to present the SOA to current and possible future Argentine actuaries and point out to them the great benefits of SOA membership.

There were about 60 Argentine actuaries/actuarial students in attendance. We provided information about the SOA exams, as well as the study materials and the textbooks. Additionally, we promoted the Society of Actuaries' international activities, and distributed various SOA international publications.

We extend our congratulations to our team, who worked so hard in facilitating this project. We also would like to thank the President and authorities of the Students Union at the FCE -UBA and the President of the Actuarial Commission at the Professional Council of Economic Sciences (CPCE) for their involvement in this so worthwhile endeavor.

We are also very thankful to Ronald Poon Affat and Darryl Wagner, Members of the Board of Governors, and Alycia Slyck, Regional Ambassador Coordinator of the Society of Actuaries. They are always supportive of our activities in Latin America and the Caribbean and continue to inspire us in our undertakings. □