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# Chairperson's Corner

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It's hard to believe that we are already in September and that the 2016 SOA Annual Meeting & Exhibit is only a month away from us! Time really does fly!

As this will be my last time writing as the chairperson of the International Section Council, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our section members, volunteers and council members for the successful year working together. During 2015–2016, we launched the Pilot Mentorship Program which we have now decided to continue based on the positive feedback, we recruited many new Ambassadors in different countries, so keep your eyes out for international events hosted by our Ambassadors and we have strengthened our working relationship with the International Committee, especially in China and the Greater-Asia region.

Looking forward to the 2016 Annual Meeting (October 23–26 in Las Vegas, NV), the International Section has an exciting program for you. We will be hosting four sessions covering a wide range of international topics from U.S. to Europe to Asia.

The sessions are:

- IAIS Capital Standards
- The Swiss Standard Model for Captive Reinsurers—Insights and Features
- The Emergence of Accountable Care in the U.S. & U.K. Health Markets
- Kaleidoscope: Life Products across Asia-Pacific

In addition, we will also be partnering with the Investment Section this year to jointly host a networking reception on Sunday evening with wine, nibbles and live music. If you missed the event last year, please look out for the Sunday evening reception as you register for the meeting. A hot breakfast for members is also planned for Wednesday morning as usual.

You will notice that this issue of the *International News* includes several articles from the 2016 International Section Country Feature Article Contest. Please join me in congratulating the winners of contest: Geoffrey Melbourne with “Retirement Readiness: A Rocky Road in Canada” and the runner-up, Ronald Klein with “The Flipside of the European Immigration Crisis.”

I hope you will enjoy this edition of *International News*. It's been a great year for me leading the International Section. Thank you all and good-bye for now! ■



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