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2014 Country Feature Article Competition - Cash Prize of U.S. \$1,000!

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The International Section Council (ISC) is pleased to announce we are running our Country Feature Article Competition again this year. Here is a chance for you to win a cash prize of U.S. \$1,000 for first place, or U.S. \$500 for second place. If you are not an International Section member yet, simply join the section for U.S. \$25 and then submit an entry. You do not need to be an SOA member to join the International Section so please pass the word on to others who may be interested. The preliminary deadline is April 30, 2014 to ensure eligibility in the contest.

Markets vary by country due to such local factors as history, economic system, regulations, consumer behaviors, social values, and culture. The Country Feature Article Competition provides you with a forum to share your experiences, interesting facts, or statistics that reflect your country's distinctive qualities.

Your article can be about any non-U.S. topic or topics that you find informative and interesting. For example, it might be about local actuarial organizations and activities, the actuarial profession in traditional or wider fields, financial products, social security reforms, employee benefit practices, or the insurance sector in your country. It could be about market trends in pensions or insurance products. It could be technical or informal. The choice is yours!

Eligible Authors:

- Any International Section member

Rules:

- The article must be a previously unpublished article.
- The write-up should be no more than 2,000 words.
- Photos, charts, tables or graphics are encouraged for illustration. Any photo sent should be in either .jpeg, .tif, or .eps format with a print resolution of at least 300 dpi. We accept photos taken by you or photos with permission to use provided by its original owner.

Deadline:

Please e-mail your submission to Sue Martz (smartz@soa.org) by **April 30, 2014**. Please give full contact details for the author. Selection and Announcement: The ISC will select and advise winners by early summer, using criteria such as "That was so riveting" or "That explains what I always wondered about XYZ", etc. We look forward to receiving your entry.