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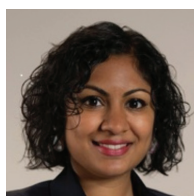
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Newly Elected International Section Council Members

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Arpita Das is a life & disability senior actuary at Allianz Worldwide Partners (AWP) based in Dublin, Ireland. She has been in her current role for two years where she manages a range of projects on life, disability and general insurance including reserving, experience studies, modelling, product and contract review. She works across a range of regulatory regimes (Qatari, Irish, German, French), accounting regimes (IFRS, Solvency II, US GAAP, French GAAP) and with teams based in Dublin and across Europe.

Prior to her move to Ireland, she was corporate vice president & actuary at New York Life Insurance in New York, NY. She began her actuarial career at New York Life and over her seven years there she worked in various areas including pricing, risk management and product development.

Arpita graduated from Swarthmore College with a B.A. in Mathematics. She is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a fellow of the Society of Actuaries Ireland. She is a member of the Actuaries Without Borders section of the International Association of Actuaries.

SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES EXPERIENCE

- Council member since February 2017 (partial term until October 2017)
- Co-editor of *International News* since August 2016
- Editorial board member of *International News* since July 2015

OTHER RELEVANT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Arpita's volunteering interests lie in the areas of actuarial education and micro-insurance.

- Project manager and Global Mentorship Committee member, Actuaries Without Borders, since 2015. Managed volunteer projects in Ghana and launched AWB's pilot mentorship program in Sri Lanka which has now expanded globally.
- Kiva Fellow, Kenya, summer 2015. Conducted audits and surveys in rural Kenya on the effectiveness of microfinance and micro-insurance. Actively participated in the Africa Insurance & Reinsurance Conference and other actuarial events in Nairobi.
- Prior to 2015, various volunteering roles in NYC, e.g., Junior Achievement, Women's Network at New York Life, and the Finance Women's Association-Microfinance & Impact Investing Committee.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEADING THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION?

In the last couple of years, particularly since I've moved away from the U.S. to Ireland, the International Section has come to provide a home for me, with a network of like-minded actuaries and a tangible connection to the SOA. I have gained much from the section and I am excited for the opportunity to give back.

It was my international background that initially drew me to volunteer with the section. I grew up moving between the U.S. and India, and have now worked in the U.S., Kenya and across Europe. Through my roles as editor of the newsletter and council member, I have had the privilege of working with many of you, located across the world, and this has been an invaluable experience.

At the same time I have also been in tune with needs of members, particularly those outside the U.S. like myself and those whose daily jobs involve cross-border workings between the constantly changing regulatory and accounting regimes. While we are active as a section, I believe there are opportunities to serve our members in new ways.

Having the knowledge of both the workings of the section and the needs of our members, I am well-positioned to hit the ground running and drive new ideas forward. I look forward to having the opportunity to becoming more deeply involved.

Yanjie Feng, FSA, MAAA

Treasurer

Prudential

Newark, NJ





PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Yanjie is a vice president and actuary at Prudential International Insurance. She started with WellPoint and PacifiCare as a health actuary 22 years ago. Afterwards, she worked as a life actuary while working at CNA and continued to work as a life actuary for AIG, eventually arriving to her current position at Prudential. Her work experience covers life, annuity, investment, and health products. She also worked in different function areas and built strong professional relations in the community. Throughout her career, Yanjie has been blessed to work with many talented actuaries, business partners, and industry peers to meet tough challenges and to solve issues.

SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES EXPERIENCE

- Active member of the International and Financial Reporting sections of the Society of Actuaries and the International Actuarial Association.
- Volunteered for annual meeting & exhibit activities.

- Actively participates in annual SOA meetings and webinars and local actuarial community activities.
- Promotes actuarial profession to my local community by sharing my insights about the profession.

OTHER RELEVANT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Participates in company's volunteer activities to support local community.
- Volunteers at local assisted living house and multi-culture day/Asian culture related activities.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEADING THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION?

I think it is my responsibility to serve my actuarial community, to directly involve myself in emerging markets, and to influence the global actuarial community with what I have learned in the past about our robust and constantly evolving environment.

Susan Mateja, FSA, MAAA

Secretary
Humana Inc.
Louisville, KY



PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Susan is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) with over 20 years of experience in group health and life insurance. She is currently an actuarial director in Humana's Corporate Finance area. She is proficient in pricing, valuation, financial and management reporting, experience and trend analysis, forecasting, mergers and acquisitions, modeling, and management covering the following products: Commercial Individual and Group, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement, Prescription Drug, and Specialty.

Prior to her actuarial career, she was a teacher/instructor at various high schools and colleges in Kentucky and Indiana.

Susan serves as chair of the American Academy of Actuaries Health Practice International Committee (HPIC). She co-sponsored with the IAAHS and moderated a series of six webcasts, "Exploring Global Health Care Cost Drivers" in 2015 and 2016. Currently, she is promoting, overseeing and co-authoring a series of six articles that will be published in the magazine, *Contingencies*, called "International Corner."

SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES EXPERIENCE

- Member, SOA International Section (2009–present)
- Member, SOA Financial Reporting Section (2011–2014)
- Member, SOA Health Section (2005–2014)

- Spoke at the SOA Valuation Actuarial Symposium (September 2013)

OTHER RELEVANT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Professional Activities

Member of the AAA Health Practice Council (HPC), 2015–present

Chair of the AAA Health Practice International Committee (HPIC), 2014–present

International Actuarial Association Health Section (IAAHS), 2010–present

Healthcare Receivable RBC Subgroup, 2009–2014

Medicare Part D RBC Subgroup, 2008–2013

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEADING THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION?

I am running for a seat on the International Section Council to share my passion and expertise while increasing my knowledge of international insurance. I have been in a similar role as chair of the Academy's Health Practice International Committee (HPIC), and it has been a very rewarding experience. I have certainly received much more than I have given. I would like to see the U.S continue to learn from other countries, while giving from our wealth of knowledge and experiences. We need to thoughtfully strive to promote and incorporate best insurance practices. I am humbled to be considered for this position. ■