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An Actuary Walks Into a Bar...

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... and has a fantastic evening with his fellow colleagues! At the end of November, the International Section hosted their first happy hour networking event with the Entrepreneurial & Innovation (E&I) Section in New York City. The main purpose of the event was to allow actuaries working in the Greater New York area to connect in a relaxed environment while enjoying a glass of wine or beer with light bites. Roughly 30 actuaries gathered for laughter and merriment at Midtown Manhattan's local watering hole, Draft 55. Attendees traveled from the five boroughs of New York and some even from as far as New Jersey. We are proud to announce that the event feedback from our participants was overwhelmingly positive.

The International Section expects to expand the networking event with other cities in North America as well as co-hosting with other Society of Actuaries (SOA) Sections. The mission of these networking events is to provide a platform where actuaries can make lasting connections with local colleagues. We are looking forward to the next networking event with the E&I Section following the Investment Symposium in March 2018; we hope to see you there!

The event was made possible by several contributors, including Wendy Kwan and Vincent Xu from the International Section, Bill Rearden from the E&I Section, and Pauline Reimer from Pryor Associates. The event also could not have been possible without the help of SOA staff members including Jane Lesch, Michelle Scherer, and Beth Bernardi. ■



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