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Editor's Note

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Welcome to the May 2018 issue of *International News*. As I write this note, I cannot help but reflect on how quickly 2018 has passed us by and on the many changes that have taken place here at the newsletter. With this issue, my fellow co-editor-in-chief **Qi Sun**, marks his departure as he moves on to *The Actuary* magazine. Personally, it has been a true pleasure working with Qi and partnering with him to expand the scope of this publication over the last two years. It is fulfilling to see how the newsletter has evolved and this is no small part due to Qi's initiative. *The Actuary* is fortunate to have Qi on their editorial board and we wish him every success. This issue also marks the entry of **Milanthi Sarukkali** as deputy editor-in-chief. Readers may be familiar with Milanthi as a long-time member of our editorial board, a regular contributing author to *International News* and an International Section Council member. Milanthi has consistently demonstrated her talent as we've worked together on multiple fronts. I am delighted to welcome her into her expanded role and am confident she will continue to shape the newsletter.

Turning to this issue, I am excited to bring to you a global perspective on actuarial issues, with articles spanning over 15 countries, across all continents. In particular, I would like to thank all participants of our 2017 Country Feature Article Call for Papers. We have continued to feature articles from the competition in this issue. We began by publishing our winning article "An Island Paradise: The Country with the Most Actuaries per Capita" by Graydon Bennett in January. In this issue we publish our runner-up, "Lifetime Annuity Income is the Key to Life" by Ronald Klein. We also present "Life Insurance Development in Vietnam" by Albert Li and "Australian Retirement Incomes: What's Next?" by David McNeice, two articles that were submitted as a part of the competition.

Finally, I am looking forward to meeting several of you in Berlin in the next few days. The annual International Association of Actuaries Council & Committee Meetings and the 2018 International Congress of Actuaries will be held from May 30 to



June 8 in Berlin. Many of us from the *International News* family will be in attendance including Milanthi and myself as well as numerous contributing authors. The SOA will sponsor a lunch event on Monday, June 4. Further, a casual get together is in the works for the evening of Wednesday, June 6, organized by our members based in Europe. Details will be shared over the next few weeks. I hope to meet many of you in person at one or both of these gatherings. Please feel free to contact me directly ahead of time so we can make sure to cross paths. Whether you are a reader, author or editor, it would be wonderful to meet in person and get your feedback on how we can continue to add value through this publication. ■



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