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# Chairperson's Corner

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**H**ere comes my favorite part of the year! Aside from those who live in ever-warm locales, you know what I mean. Saying goodbye to the long winter, we welcome the spring sunshine, aromas from blooming flowers, and the freedom to explore outdoors. For many actuaries, the month of May means the ending of year-end and first quarter reporting—and a good time to take a break!

As you plan this year's summer trip, don't forget to check out actuarial networking events in your area. One of our new initiatives for this year is to offer more opportunities for you to socialize with other actuaries. In March, following the Investment Symposium, we co-hosted the second networking event in New York City (you can read Vice Chair Wendy Kwan's report on the event in this issue). We are also organizing networking events outside the United States, for example, at the 2018 International Congress of Actuaries in Berlin. The International Section will have a host role in an SOA-sponsored lunch on Monday, June 4 and our members based in Europe are organizing a casual get together for the evening of Wednesday, June 6. Keep an eye out for more details which will be announced shortly.

On the educational side, our council is busy preparing for the 2018 Society of Actuaries (SOA) Annual Meeting & Exhibit in Nashville, Tennessee. We're excited about the number of proposed sessions with high-profile speakers, which tentatively include actuaries in banking, implementation of Solvency II in Latin America, regulatory capital paradigm in Switzerland, and InsurTech developments across the ocean. In addition, we are proposing an evening networking event and a breakfast information session for our section. We hope you can join us in Music City!

As part of our community advocacy, our tradition has been to help promote research on international topics. As a result,



the council has voted to sponsor US\$1,000 for the Actuarial Research Conference in London, Ontario. The council is also actively evaluating other sponsorship opportunities to broaden our visibility and influence in international actuarial communities, such as the Pacific Rim Actuaries Club.

Every spring, all section leaders gather at the SOA headquarters in Chicago to discuss our vision, mission, challenges and opportunities. We share the pains and gains across all SOA sections, and find ways to enhance member benefits and promote member engagement. I will attend this year on behalf of the section, and will share the insights with you in the next issue. If you want to read the update before then, visit our section webpage at [soa.org/international](http://soa.org/international) for our most recent news. The council strives to better meet our purposes of networking, education and advocacy. As a loyal member of our section, I invite you to share any ideas that may help us better serve our members. Thank you all for your engagement and I look forward to hearing from you. ■



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