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The Congress is usually held every four years, but, to coincide with the centenary of the first Congress and the centenary of the Royal Association of Belgian Actuaries, the Brussels Congress came just three years after the Montreal Congress. The next Congress will also be held after a three-year interval to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Institute of Actuaries in London in 1848, which is one of the great landmarks in the development of the actuarial profession.

The 26th Congress will be in Birmingham, chosen because of its International Convention Centre, pleasant English countryside surroundings, and nearby historic sites such as Stratford, Oxford, and Ironbridge. Chatsworth, country home of the Dukes of Devonshire, is the site of a midweek outing for all participants.

North American actuaries have tended to be underrepresented at ICAs, perhaps because of the perception that technical sessions were too mathematical and have little content about current issues of interest to American actuaries. The 1998 Congress will be very different, with many breakout sessions.

This will allow for discussion of topical, practical issues, and participants can follow a specialist track, choosing from several practice areas. Topics will include professionalism, actuarial education, solvency, regulation, and shareholder reporting. The scientific program will have something for everyone, making a real contribution to the continuing professional development of participants.

With direct flights to Birmingham from Chicago and New York, it's easy to make Birmingham a starting or ending point for a pre- or post-congress tour of England, Wales, or Scotland. What better opportunity than the 150th Anniversary of the Institute of Actuaries and the 26th International Congress of Actuaries to explore Great Britain.

For more information, contact the International Actuarial Association U.S. correspondent, Jim MacGinnitie, or Mo Chambers, Canadian correspondent, at their *Directory* addresses.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Charles H. Barnaby**  
FSA 1959, MAAA 1965

**George B. Carlson**  
ASA 1951, EA 1976

**Karen D. M. Chalk**  
ASA 1990

**E. Dean Forbes**  
ASA 1954, MAAA 1966

**David L. Gilbert**  
FSA 1993, MAAA 1988

**Arthur E. Loadman**  
FSA 1933, MAAA 1966,  
FCIA 1965

**Keith L. McComb**  
FSA 1976

**Dennis J. Miller**  
ASA 1977, MAAA 1983,  
EA 1983

**Michael Reynolds**  
ASA 1988, FIA 1982

**Warren R. Adams**, FSA 1964, MAAA 1965, EA 1976, was the first SOA Director of Education. He was on staff from 1978-79 and was part-time consultant in 1980 before returning to teaching. Most recently, he was director of actuarial education and research at The Principal Financial Group in Des Moines and professor emeritus at Drake University. He was an active SOA volunteer and helped set the direction of many research activities. As part of a 1994 SOA delegation to Moscow, his fluency in Russian and ability to review documents helped result in an agreement with Moscow State University for the SOA to become an advocate for development of the actuarial profession in Russia. A memorial has been established with the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Iowa, 5911 Meredith Drive, Urbandale IA 50322.

## Rosenberg wins Zellner Award for Ph.D. thesis

Marjorie Rosenberg, FSA, received the 1995 Zellner Thesis Award for her dissertation, "A Hierarchical Bayesian Model of the Rate of Non-Acceptable In-Patient Hospital Utilization," submitted to the University of Michigan. Rosenberg, professor in the School of Business at the University of Wisconsin, wrote her thesis with the aid of a \$10,000 Ph.D. grant from the Society of Actuaries.

The Zellner Thesis Award is named after SOA Foundation Trustee Arnold Zellner, past chair of the American Statistical Association (ASA) Business & Economic Statistics Section, past president of ASA, and founding editor of the *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics (JBES)*.

The award is given for the best Ph.D. thesis dealing with an applied problem in business and economic statistics. Review standards place weight on research with significant results, high-quality methodological work, substantial empirical content, and good exposition.