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Retirement leads topics at New Zealand meeting

Papers on life, superannuation, and investments, along with experience studies of life and disability income, were the focus of sessions at the biennial conference of the New Zealand Society of Actuaries October 30-November 1, 1996, attended by 100 at the Wairakei Resort near Taupo in the central North Island. Former Prime Minister David Lange, now retired

from parliament, was a guest speaker, as was Neville Henderson, president of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, offering the North American perspective.

SOA member Peter Davies said that retirement funding was an issue of discussion at the conference. "The country has moved away from offering any tax incentives for retirement savings to a regime where there

are actually disincentives for low-income earners," Davies reports. He also said that New Zealand's recently enacted human rights legislation, which has taken away the right of insurers to decline applications for insurance on the grounds of age or disability, was also discussed.

Conference organizers are working on the 1998 conference and hope to again attract North American visitors.

Australian colloquium planners call for papers

Research papers on a wide range of topics are being sought for a special colloquium and publication at Macquarie University in Sydney.

The university will present a one-day research colloquium honoring Emeritus Professor Alfred Hurlstone Pollard on August 22, 1997. This date coincides with the centenary celebration of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia and with

colloquia sponsored by ASTIN and AFIR. Members and guests attending those meetings will have easy access to the Pollard colloquium.

Professor Pollard was the first professor of economic statistics at Macquarie. He developed innovative programs in actuarial studies and demography that have been emulated by schools in other countries.

For more information on submitting a paper or attending the colloquium, contact Sue Clarke at Macquarie University, 61/2-9850-8575 (fax: 61/2-9850-9481; e-mail, lschalch@efs1/mq.edu.au).



IN MEMORIAM

James Wilfrid Chambers
FSA 1945, FCIA 1965

Graham C. Thompson
ASA 1937, MAAA 1966

David T. Warner
FSA 1971, MAAA 1966

Melvin Wyatt
ASA 1931

Edward C. Zeiger
FSA 1942

Edwin B. Lancaster, FSA 1949, MAAA 1967, EA 1976, served as president of the SOA in 1970-71. He was a strong leader of the SOA's education initiatives, serving as Education and Examination general chairman in 1962-63 and in other roles with E&E committees from 1954 until he became president. He served on the Board of Governors from 1964 through 1971 and was a vice president, 1966-67. He built his career at Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in New York, and was executive vice president, chief financial officer, and chief actuary when he retired in 1982. Contributions in his name may be made to the United Methodist Church of Mt. Kisco, 300 E. Main Street, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549, and Northern Westchester Hospital Center, 400 E. Main Street, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549.