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Mexico will be site of 2002 ICA

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The 27th International Congress of Actuaries (ICA) will be held March 17-22, 2002, in Cancun, Mexico, a country where the actuarial profession is increasing in significance.

The ICA is sponsored by the International Actuarial Association (IAA) and is held every four years. Many leading authorities in actuarial science from around the world find the ICA an excellent platform to discuss and exchange ideas.

The first ICA was convened in 1895 in Brussels, and it has grown in relevance and distinction over the years. The last ICA was held in Birmingham, England, in 1998 and was attended by actuaries from 53 countries. The last

ICA held in North America took place in Montreal in 1992.

The IAA is a prestigious organization that serves as a link between actuarial associations worldwide and brings together actuaries in their respective countries. It is dedicated to the research, education, and development of the profession and of actuarial associations around the world.

To best organize the numerous ICA 2002 events, the ICA Organizing Committee needs to gather firsthand, detailed information. Actuaries can help by completing a survey form; responses will help organize the congress according to the interests of potential attendees. The survey can be

accessed on the Internet (www.applicationfarm.com/soasurvey; click *Submit Form* when finished).

Meanwhile, an ICA 2002 brochure is being mailed to SOA members with this issue of *The Actuary*. It outlines the tentative program and special events, including a field trip offering an excellent view of the equinox. Plan now to attend ICA 2002 to keep current with global actuarial developments and network with actuaries from all corners of the globe.

Luis Huerta chairs the ICA 2002 Organizing Committee. Questions about the ICA can be directed to mail@ica.2002.com.

Volunteers sought for managed care project

The SOA Research Project Oversight Subcommittee is looking for volunteers to oversee projects addressing the concept of open access in managed care plans. The open access approach removes the referral requirement from plans, allowing plan members to see

network providers without first obtaining a referral from their primary care physicians.

Tony Hammond will chair a formal project oversight group (POG). He also is establishing an e-mail discussion group of about a dozen actuaries to review ideas

related to the POG's work. Actuaries interested in serving on either group should contact Hammond at his *Directory* address (e-mail: greenwoodconsultants@csi.com or tony.hammond@excellus.com).

SOA board nominations due Dec. 1

The Committee on Elections is beginning to prepare for the 2000 SOA board election's first ballot. On that ballot, Fellows are asked to nominate FSAs for SOA Board of Governors' positions. To aid them, a list is provided of those who are eligible for election and who have met specific

criteria for committee and other service to the profession.

Fellows may submit for consideration the name of any Fellow, including one's own name. To assist the committee, please summarize her, his, or your accomplishments and service in a letter to Anna Rappaport, chairperson of the

Committee on Elections, and send it to the SOA office by Dec. 1 (475 N. Martingale Road, Suite 800, Schaumburg, IL 60173). Questions may be directed to Lois Chinnock at the SOA office (phone: 847/706-3524; fax: 847/706-3599; e-mail: lchinnock@soa.org).