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An invitation to join the IAA's special interest sections

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The International Actuarial Association (IAA) is inviting all SOA members to join one or more of its special interest sections. All IAA sections conduct periodic colloquia.

ASTIN: Actuarial Studies in Non-Life Insurance was formed in 1957 to promote actuarial studies in non-life insurance and health insurance and to maintain contacts among actuaries and others interested in this field. ASTIN dues for 2000 are US\$38. The next ASTIN colloquium will be held Sept. 17-20 in Porto Cuervo, Costa Smerelda, Italy.

AFIR: Actuarial Approach for Financial Risks was formed in 1986 to bring together actuaries who specialize in applying scientific methods to the evaluation and management of financial risks. AFIR publishes a newsletter, the *Bulletin*, twice a year. AFIR dues for

2000 are US\$35. If combined with an ASTIN section membership, the combined ASTIN/AFIR dues for 2000 are US\$52. The next AFIR colloquium will be held in Tromsø, Norway, June 20-23.

IACA: The International Association of Consulting Actuaries was formed in 1968 to give consulting actuaries an international forum. It became a section of the IAA last year. IACA dues for 2000 are US\$28. The next IACA meeting is scheduled for Hershey, Penn., June 4-8.

IAA membership is a prerequisite to joining one of its sections and to attend the International Congress of Actuaries (ICA). The next ICA will be held in Cancun, Mexico, March 17-22, 2002.

FSA's and ASA's who were members



of one or more of these sections last year received an invoice in December to renew their membership.

All FSA's and members of the American Academy of Actuaries are automatically IAA members but must make specific arrangements to join sections. To become an individual member of the IAA and/or one or more of its sections, contact Chelle Brody (phone: 407/876-0800; fax: 847/706-3599; email: chellebrody@compuserve.com).

3rd Annuity Conference coming in March

by Eric T. Sondergeld

The third annual Annuity Conference, designed for professionals who develop, market, and administer annuities, is set for March 29-31 at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead in Atlanta, Ga.

The conference is cosponsored by the Society of Actuaries, LIMRA International, and LOMA.

The conference kicks off with a general session featuring a discussion of the major issues facing annuity writers today and how they are dealing with them. Concurrent sessions will follow, addressing topics including:

- How to sell and service annuities over the Internet
- Income annuities
- The latest innovations in fixed and variable annuity products

Two receptions are scheduled, offering ample opportunities to meet new people and exchange ideas.

The conference will conclude with a "cracker barrel" session, where attendees can move from table to table to discuss important issues. It is an excellent way to follow up on conference topics and network with your peers.

For more information, see the SOA

Web site (www.soa.org under *Meetings/Seminars*) or contact Barbara Choyke or Sandra Kronos at the SOA office (phone: 847/706-3500; fax: 847/706-3599; e-mail: bchoyke.soa.org and skronos@soa.org). Information and registration are available online through LOMA's Web site (www.loma.org).

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