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Chairperson's Corner

Looking Toward 2001

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At the time this issue went to press, your council had recently completed a conference call, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to bring you this update.

Our recruiting for the sessions in Toronto and Dallas went very well. As always, the council greatly appreciates the enthusiasm of our members for volunteering to speak at these sessions and share their expertise.

While the annual meeting in New Orleans probably hasn't made it onto your planner yet, rest assured that the council has been working on it for several weeks. The investment sessions can now be found in the meetings section of the Society's Web site, and speaker recruitment is under way. We are sponsoring ten sessions, including a hot breakfast (free to Investment Section

members!) and many other "hot" sessions to whet your appetite for the latest topics in our field.

tant topic in 2001. If anything, I feel more strongly about this as we get further into the year. The credit risk seminar promised in the last column has been tentatively scheduled for the first week in December. We expect it will last one and a half days with four or five speakers. Watch the Society's Web site for updates.

If you haven't been out to our section's Web pages lately, you might be surprised to see all of the additional information that has recently been added by our Web liaison, council member Charles Gilbert. Any suggestions on our Web page would be welcomed by Charles.

In our annual Section elections, we will have another excellent slate of candidates running this summer for the three positions opening up on the council.

The council met in Toronto on June



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to get your input on session topics for next year's spring meetings — believe it or not we'll be planning them soon.

Now, my "bully pulpit" feature. In this issue, I'd like to personally thank Tony Dardis for all of the work he has done over the years for the members of the Investment Section (and other sections). Tony has worked as editor on many issues of this newsletter, and he has been a key part of the continuing education of investment actuaries by organizing and speaking at several SOA meetings and symposiums. Tony's work is taking him out of North America for a while, and I know his contributions will be missed. Thanks again, Tony, and hurry back!

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19th to discuss plans for research projects and funding for the balance of 2001 and 2002. We encourage you to let us know of any particular topics that would benefit the Section's members. We'd also like