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Chair's Corner: Looking Ahead

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As incoming chair, I'd like to start off with a big "thank you" to our outgoing Council members, Jim Toole, Mike Gabon, and Ronald Poon-Affat. These folks worked hard and made incredible contributions to the Section during their three-year terms. Welcome to our new members, Rejean Besner, Michael Enright, and Yiji Starr.

I feel very fortunate to start off my term with all of the valuable input from our survey. My only regret is that we did not hear from more of you! Thank you to everyone

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Population Aging: Global Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st Century

by Robyn I. Stone

Senator and former First Lady Hillary Clinton wrote a book based on the premise that "it takes a village to raise a child." It also takes a village—an increasingly global village—to address the challenges and opportunities of an aging society. This concept will become more and more of a reality in the 21st century as the impact of population aging—the combination of low fertility rates and the longevity revolution—is felt across the globe.

The purpose of this paper is threefold. The first objective is to highlight the key trends and projections that describe the magnitude and scope of the aging world in the 21st century. The second is to identify some of the key issues that countries in the developed and developing world will have to face as a consequence of population

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Jim Toole has details on the SOA Table Manager, which literally provides global data at our fingertips. He also was kind enough to provide write-ups on the International Financial Reporting Seminar and the Course One Seminar in Mexico City. Mike Enright, likewise, has further information on the Clearinghouse Scholarship Program.

We also have one more reminder to our readers about ICA 2002 and the parallel International Health Seminar in Cancun, Mexico. Where

else can you go and see international friends, become better informed, and get a tan at the same time? Okay, so I don't tan well, but I'm still looking forward to it. We also have a copy of the most recent ISC minutes.

And we have the Chairperson's Corner. Did you think I'd forgotten, Lisa? Even though this corner received lower marks for information (see, the rest of you should have taken the survey), it is what imparts an overall vision for our section—no mean feat indeed. Be

sure to stay involved with your Chairperson and all your council members, so that they can continue to make this section as useful as possible to you, our readers.

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who responded. Your comments will help to set the International Section's agenda for 2002. Mike Gabon's wrap-up of the survey results can be found in the October 2001 newsletter.

One of the resounding responses we heard from you was the importance of this Newsletter. This is thanks, in no small part, to the

our costs a bit, but I know many of us are more likely to read something that's in a handy hard copy that we can take with us.

That said, one of our plans for 2002 is to build up the International Section's Web site. I'd like to welcome Marc Slutzky, who has bravely volunteered to be our Web Liaison. The Web should be another

Study and the International Financial Reporting Seminar. The survey gave us some guidance on future seminar topics that would be of interest and value.

Given that another of your candid responses from the survey was that the Chairperson's Corner was ranked as one of the "less important" features (no offense taken!), I will keep this one short and let this edition's crop of great articles speak for themselves.

Looking forward to 2002!

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efforts of our editor, Randy Makin. The newsletter is one of the main ways members in international locales keep in contact with the Section. We continue our commitment to having three action-packed newsletters each year, distributed via good old-fashioned snail mail. E-mailing the newsletters would cut

great way for our far-flung membership to stay in contact. If you have any ideas on content for our Web site, please contact Marc.

We also plan to continue sponsoring seminars in 2002. Last year was a banner year, with not one but two successful seminars—the International Start-Up Seminar/ Case