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Editor's Note

by Catherine D. Lyn

This is our second issue for 2006. *International News* continues its mission to give readers glimpses of the continuing development of the global actuary. This issue features the travels of our president, a Texan, to the Far East, a U.S. actuary's first visit to China, a Canadian's account of the Eighth Global Conference of Actuaries in India, a Scot's move to Canada and a Jamaican's experience acquiring a degree in actuarial science in the United Kingdom.

The president of the IAA tells us about its international activities, and the Pacific Rim Actuaries Club of Toronto has provided an article on the same topic.

We have a tribute to Yuan Chang, an actuary and lawyer who has provided inspiration to many Chinese actuaries working both in North America and the Far East.

Read about the Enterprise Annuity System in China, and don't miss the second part of our series on communication.

We have a country update report from New Zealand. We are pleased to announce the Country Feature Article Competition. The grand prize is U.S. \$2,500, and we look forward to receiving entries from ALL ambassadors and other International Section members.

By the time you read this issue, many of us would have attended the International Congress of Actuaries conference in Paris. All council members and ambassadors who are attending will have a chance to meet each other and talk with the SOA president and the SOA international secretary. Our aim is to develop joint activities with the local associations in every country where there are SOA members. □



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