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Country Feature Article Competition

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Dear Ambassadors and International Section Members,

The International Section Council announces our **Country Feature Article Competition**. We are inviting **all** ambassadors to participate by submitting a feature article. Ambassadors can work alone or with a colleague to create the submission. The PRIZE is US\$2,000 for the writer and US\$500 for the ambassador for the feature article deemed best by the council.

All feature articles submitted will be published in the *International News*.

Markets vary by country due to such factors as local economy, regulations, consumer behaviors, social values and culture. The Country Feature Competition provides you with a forum to share interesting facts, statistics or experiences that reflect your country's special qualities. We look forward to reading your entries.

Your article can be on any topic or topics that you find informative and interesting. It might be about local actuarial organizations and activities, the actuarial profession in traditional or wider fields, financial products or the business sector in your country. It might be about a product and why it's successful or how it failed. It could be an industry event or a market situation. It could be a story or a statistical analysis. Perhaps the article would start with "Do you know that ...?" or a list of "the top 10 reasons why you would want to be an actuary in my country." The choice is yours!

Please contact any council member or myself, should you have any questions regarding the following:

Eligible Authors:

- All ambassadors and anyone they may ask to assist with the article.
- For countries without an ambassador, any International Section member who wishes to participate is welcome to do so.

Rules:

- The write-up should be no more than four pages in length, using Microsoft Word and

formatted in Times New Roman, 12-point font.

- Photos, charts, tables or graphics are encouraged for illustration. Any photo sent should be in either .jpeg, .tif or .eps format, with a print resolution of at least 300 dpi.

Deadline:

Please e-mail your submission to Martha Sikaras at msikaras@soa.org by Sept. 30, 2006. Please give full contact details for the author(s).

Selection:

The council will select a winner in early October, using criteria such as "I cannot put this down until I finish reading it," "That explains what I always wondered about XYZ," etc.

Award:

The winning ambassador/author will be announced at the International Section reception held during the October SOA Annual Meeting in Chicago.

We look forward to hearing from you. □

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