



SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES

Article from:

International Section News

March 2006 – Issue No. 38

International Section of the Society of Actuaries
475 N. Martingale Road • Suite 600
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Phone: (847) 706-3500 • Fax: (847) 706-3599
Web site: www.soa.org

This newsletter is free to section members. A subscription is \$20.00 for nonmembers. Current-year issues are available from the Publication Orders Department by contacting Aleshia Zionce at (847) 706-3525. Photocopies of back issues may be requested for a nominal fee.

Expressions of opinion stated herein are, unless expressly stated to the contrary, not the opinion or position of the Society of Actuaries, its sections, its committees or the employers of the authors.

The SOA assumes no responsibility for statements made or opinions expressed in the articles, criticisms and discussions contained in this publication.

Joe Adduci, DTP Coordinator
(jadduci@soa.org) • Phone: (847) 706-3548 • Fax: (847) 273-8548

Susan Martz, Project Support Specialist
(smartz@soa.org) • Phone: (847) 706-3558 • Fax: (847) 273-8558

Martha Sikaras, Director of Global Initiatives, Staff Partner
(msikaras@soa.org) • Phone: (847) 706-3596 • Fax: (847) 273-8596

Clay Baznik, Director of Publications
(cbaznik@soa.org) • Phone: (847) 706-3586 • Fax: (847) 273-8568

Cathy Lyn, Newsletter Editor
Coke & Associates/Eckler Partners
18 Trafalgar Road
Kingston, Jamaica
Phone: (876) 927-4329 • Fax: (876) 927-8366
E-mail: clyn@eckler.ca

Michelle John, Assistant Newsletter Editor
Sun Life of Canada
Phone: (416) 979-4020
E-mail: michelle.john@sunlife.com

Carol Tom, Assistant Newsletter Editor
Sun Life of Canada
Phone: (416) 979-6156
E-mail: carol.tom@sunlife.com

Thomas E. Leonard, Web Liaison

2005 - 2006 Section Leadership
William R. Horbatt, Chairperson
Frank Buck, Vice-Chairperson
Alex Kogan, Secretary/Treasurer
Michelle Chong Tai-Bell, Council Member
Cathy Lyn, Council Member
Thomas E. Leonard, Council Member
Anna Louie, Council Member
David S. Parmee, Council Member
Ronald L. Poon-Affat, Council Member
Jason Liang Zhang, Council Member

Copyright © 2006 Society of Actuaries. All rights reserved. Printed in the United States of America



SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES

Editor's Note

by Catherine D. Lyn

We are starting off 2006 with the first of a three-part series on communication, one of the important skills that is becoming more and more visible for the members of this profession. This continues the communication theme started by Michael Pomery in the last issue.

The editorial team has contacted our 27 ambassadors to ask them to submit their annual reports for publication. Last year 10 ambassadors responded. In this issue we have country updates for Brazil and Malaysia. We hope to bring you many more this year.

The International Section members have a wide range across the traditional practice areas and more. On the technical side we have articles on pensions from the United Kingdom and Japan, life insurance in China and social security systems in the Caribbean. We have two articles on business and another on education, to touch on non-technical topics. On the lighter side, we cover the International Section reception in New York City and the Caribbean Actuarial Association's 15th annual conference in Jamaica. We have a new item: notices to invite companies to participate in the SOA experience study and authors to contribute to the *Annals of Actuarial Science*.

Last but not least, we would like to welcome Carol Tom who joins Michelle John as assistant editor. Please feel free to contact the editorial team with your contributions to *International News*. □



Catherine D. Lyn, FSA, FIA, is a consulting actuary at Coke & Associates/Eckler Partners in Kingston, Jamaica. She can be reached at clyn@eckler.ca.