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Editor's Note

by Michelle John

I have had tremendous fun working on the editorial team for the last four years but it's time to move on. It has given me an opportunity to blend creative leanings with technical actuarial skills. As we wrap up 2008, we'll "ring out the old, ring in the new," with Carl Hansen agreeing to take up the reins as editor.

I want to thank the rest of the team who supported me as editor, Carol Tom, Cathy Lyn and Carl Hansen. I have found it really rewarding to network with authors or potential authors who are all part of the international actuarial fraternity. You have been most gracious in accepting comments, suggestions on your articles and responding quickly to various requests from me. I hope these "e-mail friendships" will continue for a long time. The SOA publications team has also been invaluable. They deal with the headaches of laying out 30 pages of material and making it all hang together and look pretty.

I will continue to look out for my copy of the newsletter for updates on council activities and news from the international actuarial front. □



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by Carl Hansen

The International Section Council would like to thank Michelle for her tireless leadership on the newsletter. I look forward to taking on the role of newsletter editor, and we also welcome Genghui Wu to the editorial team.

As you will read on page 23, we are once again running our Country Feature Article competition. We encourage all International Section members to submit articles to keep readers updated on what is happening around the world.

We have had many excellent ideas on the newsletter from those of you responding to the recent survey done by the International Section Council. We will incorporate as many of your ideas as practical in to future issues. This is your newsletter, so please keep the feedback coming! □



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