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Continuing Education—2006 Activities

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The Risk Management Section is planning a number of Continuing Education (ContEd) activities for 2006. These will include, but are not limited to:

I) Spring Meeting Sessions

Once again, we have put together a series of sessions for the upcoming spring meetings.

- a) Life Spring Meeting (May 23-24, Hollywood, Florida)

Sessions to be offered (with the session coordinator noted in parentheses), include:

- **ERM and Corporate Governance (David Ingram)**

In a talk show format, our panelists will be asked a series of questions on corporate governance issues relating to risk management and actuarial roles. Attendees will receive a practical understanding of how ERM fits into corporate governance, and the effectiveness of companies' ERM progress in this area.

- **Economic Capital (EC) – Recent Trends in Implementation (Hubert Mueller)**

This session will allow attendees to learn how other companies are using EC in making business decisions, views towards EC by rating agencies and recent trends in the marketplace.

- **Hedging Variable Annuities (VA) – A Practical Discussion (Dan Guilbert)**

Panelists will discuss the benefits of hedging VA guarantees (including death benefits and living benefits), the challenges they face and how they keep score. Attendees will get insight into the approaches used by companies for hedging the risk from VA guarantees and challenges faced in execution and measuring effectiveness.

- **Implementing Stochastic Methodologies for Reserves & Capital (Hubert Mueller)**

This two-part seminar will take a look at recent developments regarding the introduction of principles-based rules for determining reserves and capital for life and annuity products, and discuss initial experience with the year-end 2005 filings for VAs (C-3 Phase II).

- **Measuring and Pricing for Tail Risk (Larry Rubin)**

Panelists will review various approaches for measuring and managing tail risk and how to price for tail risk using capital-market consistent techniques. Attendees will gain a practical understanding of current pricing techniques and risk management approaches for measuring and managing tail risk.

- **Avian Influenza: Is Your Company Prepared? (Max Rudolph)**

This facilitated workshop is designed to be a follow-up to the session on tail risk, focusing on avian influenza. Attendees will share information and techniques for stress testing their company's preparedness to pandemics through scenario planning.

- **Managing Market Conduct Risk (Frank Sabatini)**

This session will examine the driving forces behind market conduct events for distribution systems and insurance products and the practices being employed to minimize the exposure to these events. Attendees will gain a practical understanding of current views on market exposures and the approaches used to monitor, measure and manage these exposures.

- **Risk Management Section Breakfast (David Ingram)**

In addition, the Risk Management Section will have a breakfast session open to all meeting attendees where we will discuss current section topics and activities. Attendees will need to register in advance.

- b) Health Spring Meeting (June 23-24, Hollywood, Florida)

One risk management session will be offered at the Health Spring Meeting, co-sponsored with the Health Section:

- **Risk Management for Individual Health Products (Tom Corcoran)**

This session will examine current risk management issues for individual health products and recent trends in the marketplace.

II) Annual Meeting Sessions

We will have a similar slate of sessions for the Annual Meeting to be held in October 2006 in Chicago. Please contact Tony Dardis (*Tony.Dardis@TowersPerrin.com*) if you are



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interested in presenting on risk management topics.

III) ERM Symposium

The 4th Annual ERM Symposium will be held April 23-25 in Chicago in conjunction with the Bowles Symposium; SOA Seminar on Capital Efficiency will be held Sept. 19-20, 2006 GARP WS on ERM was held March 2. The Risk Management Section is co-sponsoring this symposium, and has been very active in helping put together an outstanding schedule of sessions. Also, several workshops will be held in advance of the symposium. For further details, please visit the symposium Web site (www.ermssymposium.org).

IV) Seminars

The Risk Management Section Council has also been active in developing several seminars that are co-sponsored with, or led by, other SOA sections and other organizations. These include:

- **A one-day workshop at the GARP Convention in New York**
 - A workshop on ERM held at the GARP Convention in New York (March 1-2, 2006)
- **SOA Seminar on Capital Efficiency**
 - A seminar will be held in September 2006 (in conjunction with the Valuation Actuary Symposium), focused on the use of (stochastic) embedded value, ERM and ALM for measuring, optimizing and communicating capital efficiency. This seminar is being co-sponsored by the Risk Management, Taxation and Financial Reporting Sections.
- **SOA Seminar on Management and Presentation Skills for Risk Management Professionals**
 - We are also developing a seminar that will focus on developing management and presentation skills for risk management professionals. The program would encompass the use of an outside consultant to teach techniques and another portion applying these techniques to a risk management case study. This seminar will be co-sponsored with the Management and Personal Development Section.

V) Webcasts

We are planning on offering at least one or two webcasts on ALM, ERM and/or related topics this year.

VI) CAS ERM Course

The CAS is offering an ERM course authored by Stephen D'Arcy. For further details, please visit the CAS Web site at www.CASACT.org.

VII) On-Line ERM Course

We are in the process of developing an on-line ERM training course, intended to train new entrants to the risk management field and refresh skills for those working in the field already. This course will be made up of existing ERM training materials, supplemented by the presentations and papers to be discussed at the upcoming ERM Symposium.

VIII) Local Risk Management Meetings

Finally, we are looking to set up regular local meetings of risk management section members, allowing for an exchange of ideas and networking among risk management professionals. These meetings will either be set up in selected metropolitan areas (like Boston, New York or Chicago), or held in conjunction with the meetings of local actuarial clubs.

Call for Additional Volunteers

We have recently expanded the list of people involved in planning ContEd activities of the Risk Management Section. Current volunteers include:

- Ed Betz
- Tony Dardis
- Todd Henderson
- David Ingram
- Hubert Mueller (Lead)
- Larry Rubin
- Frank Sabatini
- Robert Wolf
- SOA Liaison: Michel Rochette

With lots of activities planned this year, there is always room for additional volunteers. If you would like to help plan and coordinate some of these activities, or have other ideas or suggestions, please contact Hubert Mueller at Hubert.Mueller@TowersPerrin.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

