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SOA annual meeting breaks record

▶ Keynote speaker James R. Schlesinger gives insights into the international scene, sharing his thoughts on the impact on the American economy of European unity and foreign capital.



▲ SOA President Allan Affleck, right, congratulates prize winners Roy Goldman, left, and Mark Litow, middle. Goldman received the L. Ronald Hill Memorial Prize for his study note "Pricing and Underwriting Group Disability Income Coverages." Litow earned the SOA Annual Prize, awarded for the best paper published in *Transactions*, for his paper "A Modified Development Method for Deriving Health Claim Reserves," published in Volume 41 (1989).



▲ Enjoying the festivities at the annual meeting international reception are (from left) Catherine Prime, President-Elect of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia; James Schlesinger, keynote speaker at the annual meeting; SOA President Allan Affleck; and Harry Garber, President-Elect of the American Academy of Actuaries.



◀ Video enhancement, which projected a 15-foot-high TV image of speakers onto a screen, allowed even attendees sitting in the back row to view speakers during the annual meeting general sessions.

Attendance soared well above any previous records at the Society's 1990 annual meeting held in Orlando October 14-17, 1990, with participants totalling 1,793. The combination of location, wide variety of activities, and focus on "International Opportunities" made for one of the most successful Society meetings to date.

Meeting participants chose from almost 50 sessions, many with international experts as panel members. Keynote speaker James R. Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense and Director of the CIA and currently Senior Advisor to Shearson Lehman Hutton, gave his views on how the changing international environment affects the business world.

After the first day of seminars and workshops, attendees were treated to a reception at Pleasure Island with a night of music, food, and live entertainment.

The international flavor was carried through in a variety of exhibits and events. A special slide presentation which featured general business practices, customs, actuarial information, and music of 10 different countries was shown during a luncheon where ethnic foods were served. A table of materials from actuarial organizations throughout the world, an historical display offering a lithograph of the Staple Inn in London, and educational exhibits, including one showing the meaning of hand and facial gestures in different countries, added to participants' knowledge.