

2017 Country Feature Article Call for Papers

The International Section Council (ISC) is pleased to announce the 2017 Country Feature Article Call for Papers.

Markets vary by country due to local factors such as history, economic systems, regulations, consumer behaviors, social values, and culture. The Country Feature Article Call for Papers provides a forum to share your experiences in the actuarial field that reflect your country's (or a country you are familiar with) distinctive qualities.

Your article can be about any non-U.S. topic or topics that you believe are valuable and relevant to the actuarial profession. For example, it might be about local actuarial organizations and activities, the actuarial profession in traditional or wider fields, financial products, social security reforms, employee benefit practices, or the insurance sector in your selected country. It could also be about market trends in pensions or insurance products.

Authors must be a member of the International Section. If you are not yet a member, simply [join the section](#) for U.S. \$25 and then submit an article. You do not need to be an SOA member to join the International Section, so please pass the word on to others who may be interested. ***The deadline to submit an article is Oct. 15, 2017.***

Prizes¹ will be awarded to articles of exceptional quality:

1st Place—U.S. \$1,000

2nd Place—U.S. \$500

Eligibility

- Any International Section Member

Rules

- The article may not have been previously published.
- The article should be no less than 1,000 words and no more than 2,000 words and must be submitted in English.
- Photos, charts, tables or graphics are encouraged for illustration; however, by submitting a photo or other graphic you represent that you own the copyright in it or have received permission from the owner to use for the use contemplated herein.
- Photos should be in either .jpg, .jpeg, .tif, or .eps format with a print resolution of at least 300 dpi.
- By submitting an article, you verify ownership of the article and agree to provide the Society of Actuaries with permission to include your article in the International Section newsletter, *International News*.
- Additionally, by submitting an article, authors agree to permit the SOA to use their likeness, name, and biographical information, or any portion thereof, in conjunction with their article and

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Deadline

Please email your submission to Jane Lesch (jlesch@soa.org) by **Oct. 15, 2017**. Please provide full contact information.

Selection and Announcement

The ISC will select and notify the winning authors by Dec. 15, 2017; criteria used to select the winning articles includes usefulness, relevancy, novelty of topic, writing style, and creativity.

We look forward to receiving your article!