A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Moving the Actuarial Profession Forward Internationally

I am grateful to all of you for allowing me to serve as President of the IAA so I can return to my profession and to society some of the benefits I have received over many years as a member of the actuarial profession – one that has been built by the cumulative contributions of previous generations of actuaries.

We have an exciting year ahead as 2008 marks the tenth anniversary of the restructuring of the IAA as an association of associations. We plan to celebrate the accomplishments of the IAA over the past ten years while looking forward to the future. As part of the celebration, Walt Rugland, President of the International Forum of Actuarial Associations in 1997-98, has led the writing of a paper summarizing the history of the IAA and capturing many of the IAA’s significant accomplishments during the past ten years that we can celebrate this year. It will be distributed prior to the IAA meetings in June in Quebec City.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the representatives of our member associations who have served on the Committees of the IAA and to our Section volunteers, for their contribution to the global expansion of the actuarial profession over the past ten years. Our biggest challenge going forward is to build on their past accomplishments.

Looking to the future, the Task Force on Strategic Planning is working to prepare a strategic plan to guide our efforts going forward that I hope will be adopted this year. Areas to be addressed are: strengthening our relationships with key supranational audiences, expanding into wider
fields, enhancing the education and qualifications of actuaries, developing standards, building the actuarial profession in areas of the world in which it is not present or is not fully organized, providing a forum for discussion among actuaries and actuarial associations throughout the world, and promoting the globalization of the actuarial brand.

As actuaries, we enjoy many privileges. With them come many responsibilities as well as opportunities to give back to the profession and to serve the public interest. I look forward to working with you during 2008 on moving the actuarial profession forward internationally. Thank you in advance for your support in doing so.

David G. Hartman
President

THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING CHAIRPERSONS, VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AND IAA DELEGATES TO SECTIONS

The success of the IAA relies heavily on the contributions of its numerous volunteers. The IAA is very appreciative of the time and talent devoted by many towards advancing the profession globally through their involvement in the work of the IAA, whether it is as a committee member or in an appointed position within the numerous committees and Sections of the IAA.

At its meetings in Dublin last October, the IAA officially recognized the work of the following committee chairpersons whose term came to an end on December 31, 2007:

Carla Angela, of Italy, for her chairmanship of the Education Committee from 2005 to 2007

Jean Berthon of France for his chairmanship of the Actuaries Without Frontiers Section since its creation in 2003 to 2007.

Stephen Handler of South Africa for his leadership of the Advice and Assistance Committee from 2003 to 2007 and of the IAA Fund Subcommittee from 2005 to 2007.
All recipients received a plaque recognizing their contribution and, in accordance with our policy on special recognition, anyone who had served three (3) years or more also received a pin with the IAA logo.

In addition, letters of recognition were sent to the following individuals who contributed as follows:

**Tony Coleman** of Australia for his role as Vice-Chairperson of the Financial Risks Committee

**Charles Gilbert** of Canada for his role as Chairperson of the Task Force on Financial Economics

**Katsumi Hikasa** of Japan for his role as Vice-Chairperson of the Accreditation Committee

**David Kingston** of Ireland for his role as a member of the Nominations Committee

**Jean-Michael Kupper** of Belgium for his role as IAA Delegate to the PBSS Section

**Mary Frances Miller** of the United States for her role as Vice-Chairperson of the Education Committee

**Ibrahim Muhanna** of Lebanon for his role as Vice-Chairperson of the Advice and Assistance Committee and of the IAA Fund Subcommittee

**Michael Pomery** of the United Kingdom for his role as Vice-Chairperson of the Professionalism Committee

**Ed Robinson** of New Zealand for his role as Vice-Chairperson of the Accreditation Committee

**Helen Rowell** of Australia for her role as member of the Nominations Committee

**Paul Thornton** of the United Kingdom for his role as IAA Delegate to the IACA and PBSS Sections

**Stuart Wason** of Canada for his role as member of the Nominations Committee
UPCOMING EVENTS

IAA Council and Committee Meetings

June 11-14, 2008 – Quebec City, Canada

The schedule, registration forms for the meetings and tours, the bedroom reservation form and all other information about Quebec City and the meetings are available at the following link:

www.actuaries.org/index.cfm?LANG=EN&DSP=EVENTS&ACT=MEETINGS_QUEBEC

November 1-4, 2008 – Limassol, Cyprus

October 10-13, 2010 – Vienna, Austria

Note that the dates for our meetings that will take place in Austria, Vienna in October 2010 have been changed to October 10-13 (from October 8-10). A major event will take place in Vienna on the dates originally scheduled thereby making hotel space virtually unavailable.

SECTION COLLOQUIA

May 4-7, 2008 – Boston, USA – IAAHS/PBSS/IACA
July 13-16, 2008 – Manchester, United Kingdom – ASTIN
June 16-18, 2008 – Quebec City, Canada – Life
October 1-3, 2008 – Rome, Italy – AFIR

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March 7-12, 2010 – Cape Town, South Africa