Welcome to the Spring 2013 issue of our newsletter, “Exposure and Information.” E & I is directed to our academic community, membership, donors, and prospective members. Through this publication we will keep you informed about our history, services, recent acquisitions and activities, as well as, events from the School of Risk Management, Insurance and Actuarial Science, the Center for Professional Education, and the Ellen Thrower Center for Apprenticeship and Career Services.

Ping An Sends Second Underwriter Group to School of Risk Management, By Lawrence Pistell

Ping An Property & Casualty Insurance Company, one of China’s largest insurers, has sent a second group of senior underwriters to a customized 12-week training, benchmarking, and research program managed by the Center for Professional Education (CPE) at St. John’s School of Risk Management in New York.

Participants in the program are exposed to cutting edge issues as they affect U.S. insurers. Classroom content is augmented by visits to insurers, industry associations, and modeling.
companies in New York, Washington, and Rhode Island. In addition, a 12-week guided research project on an advanced topic is led by an SRM faculty member.

Dr. W. Jean Kwon, SRM Faculty Chair, initially introduced a senior Ping A manager to CPE. All subsequent planning was developed by the CPE team.

This project works due to the small number of underwriters being trained, and the enthusiastic support of the U.S. insurance industry. Several U.S. insurers are already working closely with Ping An in a number of areas, especially reinsurance. Conversations with U.S. insurers are designed to be "give and take."

CPE has significantly expanded its custom training for corporate clients in recent years. For more information on custom programs, email Larry Pistell or call 212-284-8581.

**Conning, Inc., Insurance Industry Outlook for 2013**

The Insurance industry will face many challenges in 2013. Although there are positive signs in the economy, continued low interest rates, uncertain domestic fiscal and global markets along with increasing threats of natural catastrophes and health care issues are all areas of concern for the coming year.

The Davis Library has the latest "U.S. and Global Insurance Industry Outlook" from Conning, Inc.. As part of their Strategic Study Series, this report is the first of a series of annual global outlooks for the insurance industry. Conning draws on their extensive financial forecasts, strategic research reports and contacts in the U.S. and global insurance industry to bring a view of both specific market challenges and opportunities. This report explores them at a deeper level and is available for review for library members, onsite.

Please note that Conning, Inc will be making a complimentary presentation on this same topic on Thursday April 25, 2013 from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM EDT at the St. John’s University-Manhattan Campus, 101 Murrary St. New York, NY 10007. If you would like to attend this event, please click here.


Despite its mysterious and often romantic depiction in classic literature and Hollywood films, piracy is an ancient, violent maritime crime involving the seizure and theft of property, extortion, terrorism, and often human casualties by either a private vessel against another or by the mutinous crew or passengers against their own ship. Piracy continues to exist in modern times, albeit on a low, sporadic and opportunistic level in many locations around the world. The book entitled, "Violence at Sea: Piracy in the Age of Global Terrorism. Edited by Peter Lehr," examines many of the threats that piracy poses to global security and commerce, as well as measures and policies to mitigate the threat.

The essays in this book analyze piracy activities in key shipping lanes (including the African coast, Somalia, the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal, and the Straits of Malacca-South China Sea). An examination of piratical groups and their capabilities are given extensive treatment throughout in the form of case studies. Connections are made between piracy, terrorism, and organized crime. Legal and policy hurdles to combating piracy are considered along with tactical recommendations, new trends and developments for combating piracy.
The modern counter response to maritime terrorism has been slow in coming. Although the fight against piracy got a major boost after 9/11 security measures are often hampered by issues rooted in sovereignty, the laws of the sea, and the inherent challenges of international coordination. Yet given the likelihood that threats posed by piracy will not recede, but rather increase, all actors affected by maritime security will, sooner or later, need to address these challenges. This book is highly recommended for a good understanding of the complexities of modern piracy and is available for circulation. Please contact the Davis Library staff for more information on this topic.

**Searching Archived Journals on Society of Actuaries Web site, by Raphael Guida, Library Manager , Milliman Inc. NY.**

The Society of Actuaries (SOA) has done a great job of placing their online publications with archives going back to 1949 on their website. It is good to know libraries like St. John's University Davis Library has print copies of SOA publications, if ever the need or want exists.

I recently explored the SOA website and took notes which became the following easy to navigate tutorial I developed.

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Begin by typing **www.soa.org** in the ULR locator box of your browser.

In upper left-hand corner, find Quick Search.

Enter terms and then click "Go." Or Go to Advanced Search.

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Spencer Scholarship. A total of four SRM students are selected as Spencer Education Scholarship awardees - Cole Meixner (Douglas Barlow Memorial Scholarship), Yodan Cho (William J. Clagnaz/ACE USA Memorial Scholarship), Davy Tock (Dr. Ellen Thrower Scholarship) and Carl Reed (Dante Petrizzo Memorial Scholarship). The SRM had three recipients last year.

Congressional Research Service Capstone Project. The School of Risk Management was chosen as the 2013 institution for the capstone project ("Integrating Risk Management Policy: Exploration in Risk Regulatory Regimes and Risk Visualization"). Prof. W. Jean Kwon is guiding a group of graduate students to examine a policymaking perspective of the earthquake risk in the San Francisco Bay area. The group is expected to submit a report and present their findings at the Library of Congress in May 2013.

Asia-Pacific Risk and Insurance Association (APRIA) Conference. The School of Risk Management is hosting its 2013 annual conference on July 28-31, 2013. Professors and researchers from more than 20 countries are expected to present their papers throughout the meeting. The meeting has several plenary sessions with government and industry leaders as panelists. APRIA was created in 1997 to provide a means for all persons and entities with an interest in risk management, insurance, actuarial science, and related areas to share ideas and to engage in collaborative research for the ultimate benefit of the insurance industry. It is international, drawing members from throughout the world, but particularly from Asia-Pacific countries.

This Month in Insurance : Past and Present

- The Titanic sinks in the North Atlantic (April 15, 1912); the vessel sunk in less than three hours. (History.com)
- The Social Security Bill (H.R. 7260) (April 19, 1935) was passed by the House of Representatives; 372 to 33 (25 not voting). (Social Security Administration)
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