ASSOCIATION OF SWISS ACTUARIES

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The early part of this century was a fruitful time for the formation of Actuarial Associations in Europe, with the result that the Swiss celebration was the fourth such to be held within the space of four years. On this occasion it took place in Zurich during the 21st International Congress and so the activities were necessarily confined to an afternoon meeting and reception. The Faculty were represented by the President and A. C. Baker, one of the Vice-presidents, and their wives. During the proceedings congratulatory addresses were given on behalf of German, English and French speaking actuaries by Georg Heubeck, Geoffrey Heywood and Jean Lamson respectively. Hans Ammeter, the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Congress, was elected the first Honorary President of the Swiss Association while Peter Leepin, the Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Congress, was elected an honorary Member. Three non-Swiss actuaries were honoured in their election as corresponding members of the Swiss Association, viz. Paul Johansen of Denmark, Hilary Seal, a Fellow of the Faculty now resident in Switzerland, and Henri Rijkers, the new President of the International Actuarial Association.

We were also privileged to be addressed by Fritz Leutwiler, the President of the Governing Board of the Swiss National Bank, on the subject "Inflation—The Public Enemy". Musical entertainment was provided by the Zurich Students Choir and the Zurich United Orchestra. Time did not permit the customary gifts from sister Associations to be presented at this meeting but an opportunity was provided for this purpose at the reception prior to the I.A.A. Council Dinner held on the eve of the Congress, the Faculty’s gift of a silver quaich being then presented by the President.

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