MORTALITY AND OTHER RATE TABLES (MORT) UPDATE
The SOA’s Research Department has been busy updating its new MORT tool during the last several months. We have added many new tables, including all of the 2001 VBT and CSO tables, the 1985 CIDA and the 1985 NAIC Cancer tables, as well as numerous foreign tables. More than 500 additional tables have been added, bringing the total to over 1,400! Each table can be easily downloaded to your desktop in a variety of file formats. To follow this project more closely, join the listserv. Any questions or feedback may be sent to MORT@soa.org.

Best Jobs in the U.S.
Software Engineer ranks No. 1, followed by Actuary, Human Resources Manager, Dental Hygienist and Financial Planner.

The CAS/CIA/SOA Joint Risk Management Section is pleased to make available a report describing the results of the 2011 Emerging Risks Survey. The report includes comparisons to the three previous surveys as well as a survey sent to INARM members in 2008. Max Rudolph of Rudolph Financial Consulting LLC authored the report.

New High Face Amount Mortality Study is Now Available
The SOA’s Reinsurance and Product Development Sections, along with the Committee on Life Insurance Research, are pleased to make available a new report on fully underwritten standard ordinary business high face amount mortality experience. The report was authored by Al Klein and Michelle Krysiak of Milliman.

LTCI Section and ILTCI Conference Association Release LTC Product Hedge Report
The LTCI Section and ILTCI Conference Association announce the release of a research report highlighting the characteristics of combination plans that serve to reduce the risks to insurers issuing these products. Observations are provided to assist in the understanding of the factors that explain the profit change sensitivity results and the natural hedging against major risks that inherently is present within the linked products.

Pension Mortality Improvement Research Now Available!
The Retirement Plans Experience Committee has released a new report on mortality improvement in pension plans. The report is an exposure draft and the Retirement Plans Experience Committee is requesting comments on the draft through June 30, 2012. Please include "Scale BB Comments" in the subject line. Questions? Contact Cindy MacDonald, SOA senior Experience Studies actuary, at cmacdonald@soa.org or 847.706.3559.
Predictive Modeling Survey Report Released!
The Predictive Modeling Survey Subcommittee of the Society's Committee on Life Insurance Mortality & Underwriting Surveys has completed its report on the results of a survey that gathered information on behalf of the life insurance industry about the degree of the use of predictive modeling and the tools and methods used by life insurance companies to optimize results. Questions? Contact Jack Luff, SOA Experience Studies Actuary, at jluff@soa.org or 847.706.3571.

Operational Risk Report Now Posted Online
The CAS/CIA/SOA Joint Risk Management Section is pleased to make available a research report examining the characteristics of insurer's operational risk in the context of current understanding and application.

Generational Individual Annuity Reserving Table -- Send Comments by April 6
The 2012 Individual Annuity Reserving Table (2012 IAR Table) has been developed and proposed for use in the valuation of individual annuities by the joint American Academy of Actuaries/Society of Actuaries Payout Annuity Table Team. The report on the proposed table is exposed for comments until April 6. Please send comments to John Engelhardt, NAIC, at JEngelhardt@naic.org.

Medical Markers Study Now Posted Online
In collaboration with the Association of Home Office Underwriters and the Canadian Institute of Underwriters, the SOA's Committee on Life Insurance Research, Product Development Section and Reinsurance Section have posted a new study that identifies 11 laboratory tests not widely used in the life insurance industry, but that could have potential benefits for use in the life insurance underwriting process.

LIMRA/SOA Completes Experience Data Study Collaborate Research Report
The SOA's Committee on Life Insurance Research and LIMRA announce the completion of a collaborative research project, Experience Data Quality: How to Clean & Validate Your Data. This report provides an overview of the data cleansing and validation role specific to the life insurance experience study process.

Mortality Comparison Research Study Now Available on SOA Website!
The Committee on Life Insurance Research, the Pension Section Research Team, and the Reinsurance Section of the SOA announce the release of the mortality comparison report. This research was undertaken by the SOA to uncover the differences in mortality expectations between life insurance, annuity and pension products at older issue ages in the United States.

Life Persistency Report Available Online!
The Society of Actuaries and LIMRA have partnered to complete the latest study of individual life insurance lapse experience in the United States. The study is based on experience data from 2005 through 2007 and presents lapse experience for whole life, term life, universal life and variable universal life plans.