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Actuarial Education and Research in North America -- A Personal Perspective

Abstract: The speaker took his first actuarial examination nearly forty years ago and has been teaching actuarial subjects for over thirty years. Based on his experience, he will present a tainted overview of actuarial education and research in Canada and U.S.A. In particular, he will discuss whether accreditation of actuarial programs will ever happen in the U.S.A.

About the Speaker: Elias Shiu is Principal Financial Group Foundation Professor of Actuarial Science at the University of Iowa, which offered its first actuarial course in 1902. He received a Ph. D. in mathematics from the California Institute of Technology in 1975. From 1976 to 1991, he was a professor of actuarial science at the University of Manitoba and a consultant for the Great-West Life Assurance Company, Winnipeg, Canada. He is an Editor for the journal *Insurance: Mathematics and Economics* and a Co-Editor for the *North American Actuarial Journal*. He is Academic Consultant for Examination 3F/MFE “Financial Economics”, which is jointly offered by the Casualty Actuarial Society and the Society of Actuaries.