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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ACA MEMBER, CHINTAN GANDHI, WINS IACA GEOFFREY HEYWOOD AWARD**

**13 July 2016: ACA Member, Chintan Gandhi, has won the International Association of Consulting Actuaries' (IACA) 2016 Geoffrey Heywood Young Consulting High Achievement Award, which recognises a young consulting actuary who has provided significant services to the public and the actuarial profession. The Award, named after a founder-member of both the ACA and IACA, was presented to Chintan at the IACA Annual General Meeting in St Johns in Canada (picture attached).**

Chintan is an active contributor to the Association of Consulting Actuaries (ACA), having been a member of its Public Relations Committee since 2014 and having been appointed in 2015 as Chairman of the ACA's Younger Members' Group – a group which it was his own idea to establish. The Younger Members' Group covers consulting actuaries typically aged under 35, or those with typically less than 10 years' post-qualification experience, with the aim of improving engagement within the actuarial profession amongst this group.

Following Chintan's success in attracting 70 newly qualified consulting actuaries to a special ACA sessional meeting geared towards Younger Members in September 2015, he oversaw the inaugural half-day Younger Members' workshop which ran alongside the ACA's main annual conference in February 2016, and both sessions now promise to be annual events.

One of Chintan's other aim in running this Group is to promote awareness of the fields in which consulting actuaries can serve in future outside the traditional pensions, investment and insurance space.

Commenting on the Award, **Chintan Gandhi** said:

"I am keen to ensure that ACA, and the UK actuarial profession as a whole, benefit fully from the perspectives and energies that younger consulting actuaries have to offer, and I hope that this in turn feeds through to younger members playing an active part in contributing to public policy. Clearly, I was delighted to receive the Award and to fly the flag for younger members internationally in Canada."

Chintan, aged 29, joined the UK actuarial profession in 2008, qualifying as a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries in 2013. He works in Aon Hewitt's UK Retirement and Investment practice and in this role he focuses primarily on advice to pension scheme trustee boards. His client portfolio includes schemes run by leading blue-chip firms, including those in the energy, utilities and construction industries.

Having previously sat on the Staple Inn Actuarial Society Committee, Chintan now sits on the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries' Public Policy Virtual Review Group (PPVRG).

**ACA Chairman, Bob Scott** added:

"Chintan has played an important part in encouraging more of our younger members to participate in the activities of the ACA and in focusing our attention on widening the areas of our attention beyond the traditional pension areas where our members have been involved. He thoroughly merits winning this Award from our sister international organisation."

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### **About the Association of Consulting Actuaries (ACA)**

Members of the ACA provide advice to thousands of pension schemes, including most of the country's largest schemes. Members of the Association are all qualified actuaries and all actuarial advice given is subject to the Actuaries' Code. Advice given to clients is independent and impartial. ACA members include the scheme actuaries to schemes covering the majority of members of private sector defined benefit pension schemes.

The ACA is the representative body for UK consulting actuaries, whilst the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries is the professional body. The ACA forms the largest national grouping of consulting actuaries in the world and is a member of the International Actuarial Association.

### **Photograph**

**Chintan Gandhi** (left) receives the **2016 Geoffrey Heywood Award** from IACA Chairman of Awards, Brent Walker at the IACA St. John's Colloquium in Canada.

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