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**Wharton School's Pension Research Council
Welcomes the International Foundation of
Employee Benefit Plans as Associate Member**

The [Pension Research Council](#) at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that the [International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans](#) (IFEBP) has rejoined the Council as an Associate of the Council for 2016. The IFEBP first joined the PRC in 2006 as an Institutional Member.

[Ms. Julie Stich](#), CEBS, Director of Research at the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, said, "It has been an honor to be part of the Wharton School's Pension Research Council. The work of this group has been invaluable in analyzing global retirement issues, specifically how individuals prepare for retirement, their approaches to retirement income, and the roles of employers and government in helping workers achieve retirement security. We look forward to working with our academic and business partners to advance research, explore policy issues, and develop innovative approaches to retirement in the United States and abroad."

[Dr. Olivia S. Mitchell](#), Professor of Insurance/Risk Management and Applied Economics/Policy, and Executive Director of the Wharton's Pension Research Council at the University of Pennsylvania, said: "The Council is delighted to continue its research and dissemination relationship with the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans. We look forward to ever-greater collaboration on matters of retirement security."

The International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans is a member-driven organization with six decades of experience as a leading objective source of employee benefits education and information within the American and Canadian workplace. The Foundation provides resources that include training, conferences and research to a diverse membership whose work affects the well-being of more than 25 million lives in North America.

The Pension Research Council is committed to generating debate on key policy issues affecting pensions and other employee benefits. The Council sponsors interdisciplinary research on private pension and social security programs, as well as related benefit plans in the United States and around the world. It supports scholarly research on global aging, successful retirement, and retirement income security while facilitating access to research and data critical to the investigation of retirement security. Recent working papers are available for download at [The Pension Research Council Working Paper Library](#).

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