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2016 Aon Benfield Scholarship Winner Announced

Aon Benfield and the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) are pleased to announce they have awarded the 2016 Aon Benfield Scholarship to Michael Gregory.

Mr Gregory is a Strategic Business Analyst at Suncorp and submitted the winning entry on this year's topic of whether the insurance industry can really unlock Big Data and what this means for insurability.

Mr Gregory will attend the 51st Annual Aon Benfield Global Clients Reinsurance Seminar in London, an intensive study program where he will gain an understanding of the principles and practices of arranging reinsurance on a global scale.

"It is an absolute privilege to have been chosen as the winner of this year's Aon Benfield Scholarship," said Mr Gregory.

"This result is as much a credit to my leaders and mentors at Suncorp who have gone above and beyond to offer me their support and guidance.

"The opportunity that has been afforded to me by both Aon Benfield and ANZIIF will certainly not be taken for granted.

"I am very excited to learn more from industry leaders and immerse myself in the Global Clients Reinsurance Seminar in London," he said.

In partnership with ANZIIF, Aon Benfield has sponsored the scholarship for 11 years. The program was established to reward and recognise outstanding insurance professionals in the Australian and New Zealand insurance markets and to emphasise the importance of continuing professional development in all aspects of the industry.

"The scholarship allows insurance and reinsurance professionals to explore and discuss highly relevant issues to our industry, with the added opportunity of gaining knowledge and best practice insights about the reinsurance market globally," said Robert De Souza, President APAC/CEO Australia and New Zealand, Aon Benfield.

"Michael's essay makes an outstanding and a valuable contribution to the industry at this point in time," said Prue Willsford, CEO, ANZIIF.

"The Aon Benfield Scholarship offers the opportunity for a passionate insurance professional to expand their horizons, to learn and grow, and we know that this will be a life-changing opportunity for Michael."

The scholarship was determined by a judging panel of industry figures, featuring:

- Robert De Souza – President APAC/CEO Australia & New Zealand, Aon Benfield

- Prue Willsford – CEO, ANZIIF
- Julie Batch – Chief Customer Officer, Customer Labs, IAG
- Peter Cheesman – Head of Analytics, Aon Benfield
- Paul Smeaton – Chief Executive, Vero Insurance New Zealand
- Rob van den Honert – Co-Deputy Director, Risk Frontiers, Macquarie University NSW

The winner will also be recognised at the annual Australian Insurance Industry Awards in Sydney on 31 August 2016.

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