



ICA 2014 Puzzle #2

An Anagram

The following sonnet was sent to us by our representative who scouts locations for the International Congress of Actuaries. He has been scouting locations since 1895, and boy, is he tired. He's a little loopy, too. Each line of the sonnet contains the encoded name of a city where the Congress has been held, including, appropriately enough, the city that will host the next one in 2014. Can you identify the fourteen cities?

Hints

- Hint #1: "Encoded" means anagrammed. Each city's letters, in English, is scrambled into one, two, or three consecutive words in each line of the sonnet. For example, not root = Toronto.
- Hint #2: A list of the cities that have hosted the International Congress of Actuaries can be found on the ICA 2014 web site, www.ICA2014.org. Explore the site to find the list.

Encoded Notes from a Congress Scout

We happen to arrange these things in pairs.
Kyoto would have been a lovely choice.
So much to do, I munch my lunch upstairs,
While listening to songs for solo voice.

The house masseur rubs less the less you tip.
A key worn on a chain may open doors.
My arm did ache, my fist could scarcely grip.
I liken his complexion to a boar's.

We must select a venue—nothing more.
We've always made smart choices in the past.
A moth locks in on neon from a store.
I think ten moral thoughts and stand aghast.

The brain is brimming—ha! It always does.
What was decided, then? Well, nothing was.

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Submit the puzzle solution to enter a drawing to win a prize! Send the list of cities in the order they appear in the sonnet to info@ica2014.org by the new extended deadline of January 31, 2011. Of the correct entries, one will be selected at random to receive a \$250 American Express gift card. The correct answers for the puzzle and an announcement of the winner will be posted on ICA2014.org in early February 2011.

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