

18th Annual
National
**Workers' Compensation
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Annual Conference Helps Workers' Comp Professionals Rebound from Recession

*18th Annual National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference® & Expo, November 18 - 20, 2009
at McCormick Place, Chicago, will prepare attendees to manage predicted wave of claims;
Early Bird Offer: Register by October 9 and save \$125.00!*

Horsham, Pa. — September 14, 2009 — The **National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference® & Expo** is gearing up to help workers' comp professionals manage the plethora of challenges – and stresses – today's economy brings. Produced by *Risk & Insurance®* magazine and LRP Conferences, the popular event will return to Chicago's McCormick Place November 18 - 20, 2009. Attendees who register by October 9 can save \$125.00 off the registration rate, and teams of three or more qualify for even bigger savings.

The 18th annual conference remains the event of choice for workers' compensation professionals who want to expand their knowledge and gain new solutions directly related to workers' comp, disability and return-to-work programs. From HR managers to disability claims managers, they will find answers to many of their specific challenges across the conference's five distinct session tracks: Better Claims Management, Integrated Disability Management/Wellness, Solving Legal/Regulatory Issues, Medical/Behavioral Solutions, and Winning Return to Work/Safety Strategies. The complete program agenda is available on the Web at www.WCConference.com.

"We have focused, like never before, on providing practical, innovative solutions to stressful challenges our attendees are enduring everyday," said Claude Werder, vice president for *Human Resource Executive®* Conferences. "In building the program, we talked with practitioners from around the country about their situations and what type of guidance and solutions they are looking for. Then we went out and found the experts that would deliver."

Attendees will discover expert insight right off the bat from the opening keynote, **Making Sense of Now and Forecasting the Future: The Economy's Impact on Workers' Compensation**. Dr. Robert P. Hartwig, President of the Insurance Information Institute, will analyze the impact of the economic crisis on the workers' comp arena and then provide a detailed economic outlook for the year ahead.

No doubt that the recession has forced many businesses to make difficult decisions, including some which may infringe on one's personal code of ethics. Whatever the dilemma, workers' comp managers can learn a lot from Richard Pimentel, Senior Partner at Milt Wright & Associates. In his keynote address, **Staying True to Your Soul: Making Tough Business Decisions You Can Live With**, Pimentel will show attendees how to balance responsibilities to one's self, the organization and the clients.

Even more immediately-applicable knowledge can be gained from the 30 breakout sessions including: **Sixty Is the New 40: Strategies to Prevent and Manage Injuries in an Aging Workforce**; **Managing Disabilities in an Era of Change**; **Innovative Strategies to Enhance Your Claims Programs**; **Lessons Learned From the ADA Changes and How to Apply Them**; and **How to Manage Employees' Emotional Stress During Tough Times**.

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As past attendees can attest, the conference isn't just about learning, it's also about having fun. It will prove to offer all that again this year as the **2009 Theodore Roosevelt Workers' Compensation and Disability Management Awards Luncheon** honors the best management programs of the year, followed by entertainment from **The Second City**, Chicago's famous improvisational comedy troupe.

In addition to the conference, the **Expo Hall**, open Nov. 18 - 19, will house more than 250 vendors ready to display and answer questions about their products and services relevant to the workers' comp and disability management industries. The Expo provides an additional venue for attendees to gather knowledge and research and to network with peers.

"Networking at the Expo is always an added bonus to the great conference sessions," said Mike Johns, Director of Product Development at Jewelers Mutual Insurance in Neenah, Wisconsin.

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About the National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference[®] & Expo

The **National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference[®] & Expo** is produced by *Risk & Insurance*[®] magazine and LRP Conferences. It is the nation's largest conference and trade show on workers' compensation law and program administration, drawing: attorneys, case managers, CEOs, health and safety professionals, insurance executives, human resources professionals, legislators, occupational health nurses, operations personnel, researchers, risk managers, risk analysts, RNs, workers' compensation and disability claims managers and analysts, and workers' compensation professionals. The 2009 conference will be held November 18 - 20, 2009, at McCormick Place, Chicago, Ill.

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