



Weather Risk Management Association U.S. Annual Meeting

Agenda: 17-19 May 2017

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Meeting & Reception Location: Palmer House Hilton, 17 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL

3:00pm – 5:00pm	WRMA Board of Directors Meeting
5:30pm – 7:30pm	Opening Reception & 1st Annual Economics of Weather/Climate Conference Student Showcase

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Meeting Location: CME Group Inc., 20 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL

Reception Location: Tavern at the Park, 130 E Randolph Street, Chicago, IL

8:00am – 9:00am	Check-in and Breakfast
9:00am – 9:10am	Welcome and Introductions <i>WRMA President Brad Hoggatt, MSI GuaranteedWeather</i>
9:10am – 10:00am	Opening Keynote Argonne National Laboratory: Climate Modeling & Observational Technologies <i>John Krummel, Argonne National Laboratory</i> <i>Rao Kotamarthi, Argonne National Laboratory</i>
10:00am – 10:15am	Networking Coffee Break
10:15am – 11:45am	Agricultural Focus: Index-Based Weather Solutions & Dairy, Grain, Livestock: Weather & Price Sensitivities <i>Moderated by Sandeep Ramachandran, Axis Capital</i> <i>Jonathan Barratt, CelsiusPro</i> <i>Mark Rüegg, CelsiusPro</i> <i>Brian O’Hearne, eWeatherRisk</i> <i>Charles Piszczor, CME Group Inc.</i>
11:45am – 12:30pm	ILS Market Developments and Impacts on the Weather Risk Management Industry <i>Martin Malinow, Somp International</i> <i>Manjit Varwandkar, Blue Capital</i>
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Lunch Sponsored by Cantor Exchange <i>Rich Jaycobs, Cantor Exchange</i> <i>Steven A. Root, AccuWeather, Inc.</i> <i>Jon Najarian, Investitute.com</i>
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Real World Case Studies <i>Moderated by Claire Wilkinson, Willis</i> <i>Paul Ramiz, Aon Benfield</i> <i>Julian Roberts, Willis</i> <i>Nick Troiano, MARS</i>

3:00pm – 4:00pm	<p align="center">Presentations from WRMA's 1st Annual Student Conference Participants</p> <p align="center"><i>Marcus Pescinski, Rutgers University</i> <i>Evan Ntonados, Millersville University</i> <i>Matt Bowers, Purdue University</i> <i>Wanchen Wu, Purdue University</i></p>
4:00pm – 4:15pm	Networking Coffee Break
4:15pm – 5:00pm	<p align="center">Quantos: Weather & Additional Triggers: Are Pure Weather Index Solutions Becoming Extinct?</p> <p align="center"><i>Moderated by Brian Beebe, Swiss Re Corporate Solutions</i> <i>Dan Tomlinson, Allianz Risk Transfer (UK) Ltd</i> <i>Claudio Ribeiro, Munich Re Trading LLC</i> <i>Brian P. Fellon, Direct Energy Business</i></p>
5:00pm – 5:30pm	<p align="center">Technological Advancements in Surface Observational Platforms: Project Specific Deployments</p> <p align="center"><i>David Whitehead, WeatherXchange</i> <i>Alan Deciantis, FTS</i></p>
5:30pm – 6:00pm	WRMA Business Session
6:30pm – 9:00pm	Reception at Tavern at the Park

Friday, May 19, 2017
Meeting Location: CME Group Inc., 20 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am – 9:45am	<p align="center">Diagnostic & Prognostic Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal Forecast – Summer/Fall 2017 Outlook <i>Chris Hyde, MDA Weather Services</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather Data <i>Eric Wertz, MDA Weather Services</i>
9:45am – 10:00am	<p align="center">Discussion on Seasonal Severe Weather Forecasting</p> <p align="center"><i>Ashton Cook, NOAA NWS Storm Prediction Center Meteorologist & OU Research Affiliate</i></p>
10:00am – 10:30am	Networking Coffee Break
10:30am – 11:15am	<p align="center">Regulatory Update</p> <p align="center"><i>Claude Brown, Reed Smith</i></p>
11:15am – 12:00pm	<p align="center">Discussion on the Role of Weather Indices</p> <p align="center"><i>Moderated by Brad Hoggatt, MSI GuaranteedWeather</i> <i>Ralph Renner, Sampo International</i> <i>Mike Marano, CME Group Inc.</i> <i>Rich Jaycobs, Cantor Exchange</i></p>
12:00pm – 12:15pm	Q&A & Meeting Wrap-Up