

IARFIC



The Second International Agricultural Risk, Finance, and Insurance Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS

June 16-18, 2013

Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

The Waterloo Research Institute in Insurance, Securities and Quantitative Finance, University of Waterloo announces: Call for Paper submissions for the Second International Agricultural Risk, Finance, and Insurance Conference (IARFIC) to be held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on June 16-18, 2013.

IARFIC is a unique venue that brings together those in the agricultural sector, from Academia, Government, Private Sector, Stakeholders, NGO's, and others. The theme of the conference is "Agricultural Risk, Finance, Insurance and Actuarial Science". The conference will include a dynamic program with high quality speakers focusing on innovative research, policy discussions, and business challenges and successes. The conference will also feature five unique plenary sessions, with representation from Academia, Government, the Private Sector, Stakeholders, NGO's, and others covering very important and timely topics in an effort to maintain a strong agricultural sector and improve global food security.

ORGANIZERS:

- Waterloo Research Institute in Insurance, Securities and Quantitative Finance (WatRISQ), University of Waterloo, Canada;
- Warren Centre for Actuarial Studies and Research, Asper School of Business, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada

CO-ORGANIZER: China Institute for Actuarial Science (CIAS), Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China.

PLENARY SESSION TOPICS:

1. The role of climate change and the impact on agricultural risk management and insurance.
2. Livestock insurance: successes and challenges.
3. Crop insurance: successes and challenges.
4. Building financial capital in agricultural insurance markets.
5. Agricultural insurance ratemaking: actuarially sound and long term sustainability.

CONFIRMED PLENARY SPEAKERS:

- Honourable Gerry Ritz, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Greg Meredith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategy Policy Branch, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Rosser Lloyd, Director General, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Remi Villeneuve, Chief Actuary, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Bruce Stephen, Director, Agri-Risk Initiatives, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, USDA
- Tom Worth, Chief Actuary, Risk Management Agency – USDA
- Neil Hamilton, CEO, Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation, Canada
- Gary Falk, Director, Business Risk Management Branch, BC Ministry of Agriculture, Canada
- James McCarney, Managing Director, Guy Carpenter & Company Ltd
- Andrew Dickson, General Manager, Manitoba Pork Council, Canada
- Misha Novakovic, Class Underwriter, Catlin Specialty Insurance Company
- Harvey Sasaki, President, Agri-Saki Consulting Ltd. (Former Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Ministry of Agriculture)
- More TBA

Confirmed Academic Keynotes:

- Dr. Barry Barnett, Professor, Mississippi State University, USA
- Dr. Martin Odening, Professor, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Dr. Ken Seng Tan, Associate Scientific Director, Waterloo Research Institute in Insurance, and Professor, University of Waterloo, Canada

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: Academics and practitioners are invited to submit papers or extended abstracts (in English) in all areas of agriculture, with a focus on risk, finance, insurance, and other actuarial issues. If only submitting an abstract, it should be at least 3 pages. The deadline for a paper or extended abstract submission is extended to **April 1, 2013**, and decisions will be communicated to authors no later than **April 15, 2013**. Jointly authored papers should be submitted by the person who will present the paper if it is accepted. Please email your paper or extended abstract to IARFIC@cias-cufe.org.

PUBLICATIONS: High-quality papers presented at the conference can be submitted for consideration to be published in the Special issue of **Agricultural Finance Review**. All papers will be subject to the journal review process. The deadline for submitting the full paper is October 31, 2013.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:

- Milton Boyd, University of Manitoba
- Keith Coble, Mississippi State University
- Xiaolin Li, Central University of Finance and Economics
- Lysa Porth, University of Waterloo
- Ken Seng Tan, University of Waterloo

- Harry Tuo, Capital University of Economics and Business
- Calum Turvey, Cornell University
- Holly Wang, Purdue University
- Qiao Zhang, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science
- Xianhua Zhou, Central University of Finance and Economics

To register for the conference, visit the conference webpage at www.IARFIC.org

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

- June 16th: conference registration and evening conference reception
- June 17th: conference & evening gala dinner
- June 18th: conference, closing ceremony & Farm Tour in the Fraser Valley, BC (Sponsored by the Agriculture Risk Management Branch, BC Ministry of Agriculture)

For those participants who require a letter of invitation for travel VISA's, or for any other inquiries , please send an email to IARFIC@cias-cufe.org