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### **The International Forum on Disability Management 2010 Announces Call for Papers**

(August 20, 2009 -- OAKLAND, CA) The California Department of Industrial Relations and the California Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation (CHSWC), in collaboration with the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC), will host the International Forum on Disability Management (IFDM) September 20-22, 2010 in Los Angeles, California. The IFDM 2010 hosts are excited to announce the release of the IFDM 2010 Call for Papers and invites submissions from the health, safety, disability management and workers' compensation communities.

Held biannually since 2002, IFDM 2010 will gather influential government and private leaders including employers, employees, disability management practitioners, insurance companies, policymakers, and other service providers, especially physicians, clinics, health and social service in prevention and rehabilitation, to discuss how collaborating to create, implement, and evaluate comprehensive disability management initiatives can reduce and minimize the impact of occupational injury and illness.

IFDM 2010 will promote Collaborating for Success in order to:

*Realize the aspirations of people with disabilities find and maintain meaningful employment.*

*Support employers in achieving productive and stable workforces.*

*Educate human resource, workers' compensation, and disability specialists on successful techniques to accomplish desired outcomes.*

*Advocate for public policy initiatives that provide better social protection and economic empowerment for everyone.*

Key topics to be addressed at IFDM 2010 include:

- A Global Perspective on Disability Management: Highlighting successful partnerships in disability management and reviewing global trends in the workplace.
- The New Paradigm: Changing social attitudes toward disability management and the next steps in moving disability management forward.
- The Government's Role in Disability Management: Learning about the state and disability management including lessons learned from government initiatives and reforms.
- Using Research and Information to Guide Public Policy Decisions on Disability Management: Measuring the value of disability management programs for all disability management stakeholders.
- Innovative Programs in Workplace Health & Safety: Looking at the opportunities and barriers to creating a safe, early, and sustainable return to work program.
- Medical Issues in Disability Management: Exploring the interface between medicine and disability management.
- Disability Management for Special Populations: Addressing unique workforce issues with large migratory and minority culture segments.

Download the Call for Papers at [www.ifdm2010.com](http://www.ifdm2010.com) to review the submission requirements and procedures. Papers must be received by Monday, November 30, 2009, by Denise Vargas at [dvargas@dir.ca.gov](mailto:dvargas@dir.ca.gov). Accepted proposals will be announced by April 9, 2010, and final presentations must be submitted by July 12, 2010.

More information about IFDM 2010 is available at [www.ifdm2010.com](http://www.ifdm2010.com) and [www.dir.ca.gov/chswc](http://www.dir.ca.gov/chswc). Individuals may also write to:

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#### **About the IFDM**

Held biannually since 2002, the International Forum on Disability Management is the only global conference dedicated to in-depth discussion of problems, trends, and best practices in disability management. IFDM 2010 will bring together attendees from across the world who represent the health, safety, medical, and workers' compensation communities. The diverse audience will include employers, workers, disability management practitioners, risk managers, unions, jurisdictional and local government agencies, the insurance industry, policymakers and the public to participate in presentations, discussions, and workshops.

#### **About the IAIABC**

The International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions is a not-for-profit association representing most of the government agencies charged with the administration of workers' compensation systems throughout the United States, Canada, and other nations and territories as well as other workers' compensation professionals in the private sector. Its mission is to advance the efficiency and effectiveness of workers' compensation systems throughout the world. It is governed by an Executive Committee of jurisdictional agency leaders and maintains a staff headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin, USA.

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