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**The Inland Marine Underwriters Association [IMUA]  
Announces Agenda For 2018 Annual Meeting**  
Robert Hartwig, Co-Director, Risk and Uncertainty Management Center,  
University Of South Carolina To Deliver Keynote Address

**New York, NY, January 30, 2018** – The Inland Marine Underwriters Association (IMUA) released the agenda for its 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Conference. IMUA’s 2018 Annual Meeting will be held in Scottsdale, AZ at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale, May 20-23.

Themed *Embracing Change In A New Age*, this year’s IMUA educational agenda will feature Robert Hartwig, Co-Director, Risk and Uncertainty Management Center, University Of South Carolina as its keynote speaker. Mr. Hartwig’s address will discuss the outlook for property and casualty insurance industry from an inland marine perspective.

In making the announcement of its Annual Meeting, IMUA President and CEO, Kevin O’Brien, said, “We are extremely pleased to be able to offer a wide array of subjects this year that are extremely relevant to today’s inland marine environment. Our Education Committee has once again done an outstanding not only in selecting exceptional topic but securing knowledgeable professionals to address each.”

The topics for the IMUA 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting include:

- Fine Art Fraud & Forgery: new development and trends
- Supply Chain Logistics: 4PL and WLL
- Contractors Equipment: focus on leased/rented equipment
- Builders Risk: Water Damage
- Emerging Trends: growing cannabis industry and inland marine exposure, property treaty reinsurance market and data analytics & inland marine underwriting

Mr. O’Brien further noted that IMUA will again offer its “Parallel Track” programming. This program is geared toward newer, less experienced inland marine underwriting and claims personnel.

IMUA's "Parallel Track" is a series of seminars and workshops patterned after the association's Introduction to Inland Marine Course. They run parallel to the more in-depth educational sessions offered during the Annual Meeting. "We continue to receive favorable responses to this particular educational offering at our annual meetings because they are focused on those new to, or less experienced in, commercial inland marine insurance. Based on these responses we are pleased to include this program as it as part of our overall professional development agenda," said Mr. O'Brien.

All those attending our 'Parallel Track' sessions will also have access to our general sessions, as well as the keynote address.

The Parallel Track subjects to be covered are:

- Introduction to Inland Marine
- The Basics of Builders Risk
- Understanding Contractors Equipment
- Transportation Insurance

IMUA Chairperson, Bill Rosa, commenting on this year's Annual Meeting agenda noted, "For the past two years it has been my honor to serve as the IMUA's Chairperson. I am extremely proud of what we have been able to accomplish in fulfilling our pledge of assisting our membership in furthering their own professional development. And, as I get ready to turn over the leadership of the association, this year's Annual Meeting is no exception to continuing our pledge. By offering something for both experienced inland marine underwriters and those new to our industry, our Education Committee has created an outstanding program covering key issues facing our industry. They have also considered our on-going commitment to reach out to all professional agents and brokers who may or may not be familiar with the many facets of inland marine insurance. We encourage our members and friends in the producer community to take advantage of this exciting educational and networking opportunity."

For more information visit IMUA's website [www.imua.org](http://www.imua.org) on the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and a schedule of educational seminars and workshops or contact Lillian Colson at IMUA, 212-233-0550.

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IMUA is the national association for the commercial inland marine insurance industry. IMUA serves as the voice of its member companies representing over 90 percent of all commercial inland marine insurers. The association provides its members with comprehensive professional development programs, as well as research papers and bulletins and industry analysis. IMUA was founded in 1930.