

# 2012 CIRB ANNUAL MEETING

February 8-10, 2012 | Westin Kierland Resort & Spa

## Wednesday, February 8

- 2:00-4:00pm **Registration Opens** . *Deseo Entrance*
- 2:00-4:00pm **Executive Committee Meeting** . *Rainmakers C*
- 6:30pm **Welcome Reception** . *Brittlebush*  
(Sponsored by Farmers Mutual Hail)

## Thursday, February 9 *(All meetings held in Herberger 4A)*

- 7:00am **Breakfast** – *North Foyer*
- 8:00am **Chairman's Welcome:** Sam Scheef, Chairman, CIRB Executive Committee;  
President & CEO, ARMtech Insurance Services
- 8:15am **2012: Political Trends and Ag Policy**  
Jim Wiesmeyer, Senior Vice President, Informa Economics  
(Sponsored by Partner Re)
- 9:15am **Transforming Producer Challenges into Solutions**  
Mary Kay Thatcher, Director, Public Policy, American Farm Bureau Federation
- 9:45am **Coffee Break**
- 10:00am **Spouse Event:** Breakfast – *Deseo*  
(Event TBD)
- 10:00am **Reinsurance Trends and Challenges**  
Joe Christiana, Dowling & Partners Securities, LLC
- 11:00am **Business Meeting**
- 6:30pm **Reception** – *Northern Sky Terrace*  
(Sponsored by Holborn)

## Friday, February 10 *(All meetings held in Herberger 4A)*

- 7:00am **Breakfast**
- 7:30am **Crop Insurance: Legal Update**  
Kurt Henke, CIRB Legal Counsel, Henke-Bufkin, P.A
- 8:00am **Our Government at Work: U.S. Congress**  
Invited: Chairman Frank Lucas, House Agriculture Committee, and  
Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry  
Committee
- 8:45am **From Planting to Harvest: Producer Use of Precision Agriculture  
Technology**  
John McKee, Westside Farms, McKee Planting Co.
- 9:30am **Coffee Break**

- 10:00am      **Weather Outlook**  
Drew Lerner, Senior Agricultural Meteorologist, Founder and President, World Weather, Inc.
- 10:45am      **Our Government at Work: U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
Invited: William Murphy, Administrator, USDA's Risk Management Agency
- 11:30am      **Adjourn**
- 12:15pm      **CIRB Golf Tournament . Kierland Golf Club**  
First Tee Time: 12:30pm  
(Sponsored by Partner Re)
- 6:30pm      **Reception – Brittlebush**  
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