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## International Forum on Disability Management – IFDM 2018

### Update

We are pleased to confirm the participants for the IFDM Plenary Panel taking place Tuesday, October 16, at 8:45 am – 10:15 am

### **The Disappearing Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities for Workers Compensation Systems**

Statutory, no-fault, occupational injury/disease insurance legislation and systems were first introduced in Germany in 1885, and this model has since been emulated in many countries around the world. Today, these systems are facing a myriad of new challenges with ever evolving impairments, a changing employment landscape, and fast paced technological transformation including new responsibility obligations with respect to a range of circumstances affecting workers' mental health, increasing use of temporary workers facilitated in large part through increased and cost-effective transportation options and dramatic restructuring of traditional employment relationships. This discussion will include senior executives and thought leaders of national and international workers compensation systems who will not only highlight their changing environment and obligations, but also outline their respective organizations' strategic and practical responses.

#### **Panel Chair:**

Dr. Joachim Breuer, Director General of the German Federal Workers Compensation System – DGUV, Berlin, and President of the International Social Security Association – ISSA, Geneva

#### **Panel Members:**

- Dr. Mohammed Azman, Chief Executive Officer of the Malaysian Federal Social Security Agency – SOCSO – who will be addressing challenges/opportunities dealing with the "Informal Economy"
- Mr. Brian Jarvis, Chief Operating Officer of the Ontario Workers Compensation Board – WSIB – highlighting their organization's strategies in dealing with new "Mental Health Compensation Challenges"
- Mr. Ralph McGinn, Chair of the Board of Directors, BC Workers Compensation Board – WorkSafeBC – tackling the unique organizational issues associated with the "Increasing Number of Migrant Workers"
- Professor Gertruda Uścińska, President of the Polish Social Insurance Institution – ZUS – who will be providing an overview of the challenges faced by the Polish social security system.

Following the four 15-minute presentations by each of the distinguished panel members, more in-depth discussion on the topics will be facilitated through the Panel Chair, Dr. Joachim Breuer.

Registered delegates can submit questions for the Panel members in advance of the start of the conference by emailing us at the email address provided below.

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