

Catiq's Canadian Catastrophe Conference (C4 2017) Call For Topic Suggestions



Toronto (May 11, 2016) - Catastrophe Indices and Quantification Inc. (CatIQ) is pleased to announce that after a very successful inaugural conference in 2016, CatIQ's Canadian Catastrophe Conference (C4) will be returning as an annual event. The goal of the conference remains the same, to bring together Industry, Academia, and all levels of Government to discuss natural and man-made catastrophes.

Taking into account the feedback received from delegates, there will be improvements made to ensure that the conference can continue to provide engaging sessions, speakers and a diverse crowd with multiple networking and learning opportunities. Breakout sessions and workshops at C4 2017 will provide delegates with further engagement and discussion on key topics of interest.

The recent devastating wildfire in Fort McMurray has highlighted the need to discuss strategies and preparation before, during and after a catastrophic event. The resiliency, strength and courage of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, the

Alberta Government, the public, and the insurance industry have reframed our discussions at work, at home, and here at C4.

In order to create a dynamic conference which touches upon topics of most interest to past and prospective delegates, CatIQ is providing an Open Call for Topic Suggestions.

Overall themes for C4 2017 will include:

1. Natural & Man-Made Catastrophes
2. Catastrophe Response & Communication
3. Data, Technology & Standards
4. Additional Perspective & Impacts

Past participants and those with interest in attending C4 2017 are invited to share their opinions on Topic Suggestions using the following survey link: [Call for Topic Suggestions Survey](#) **no later than June 3, 2016.**

Additionally, topic suggestions and additional feedback can be sent directly to CatIQ's Managing Director, carolyn.rennie@catiq.com.

C4 2016 Emcee Glenn Gibson, who is also Vice-Chairman of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats will be returning again for C4 2017. Feedback from delegates included his positive energy, the very interesting relation of football to Catastrophe Management, updates on Groundhog Day forecasts and the creation of the "Best Sock" competition for speakers.

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C4 2017 will take place on February 1-3, 2017 at the Allstream Centre in Toronto, Ontario. The full conference program will be released and registration will open in September. Additionally, CatIQ will also continue the C4 2017 Student Delegate Program which will award five students with the opportunity to share their research related to natural & man-made catastrophes at the conference.

About CatIQ

Toronto-based Catastrophe Indices and Quantification Inc. (CatIQ) is a subsidiary of Zurich-based PERILS A.G. and delivers detailed analytical and meteorological information on Canadian natural and man-made catastrophes. Through its online subscription-based platform, CatIQ combines comprehensive insured loss and exposure indices and other related information to better serve the needs of the insurance / reinsurance /

ILS industries, public sector and other stakeholders www.catiq.com. CatIQ was established in 2014 with the support of the overwhelming majority of the Canadian insurance and reinsurance industry and is widely recognized as the most reliable source of catastrophe loss information in Canada. CatIQ also partners with MSA Research to host the Canadian catastrophe conference, CatIQ Connect, connect.catiq.com which will run quarterly online until Feb 2022 when it will be back in-person on an annual basis.

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