7th Annual Conference Trans-Atlantic Consortium of Advocates for Worker Benefit Security

Wednesday, May 20 – Friday, May 22, 2015

Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Beach Resort Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA

"SEEKING THE FUTURE"

Agenda:

Wednesday, May 20

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration - Del Sol Foyer II

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm **OPENING SESSION - DEL SOL BALLROOM II**

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm: Introductions and Welcome:

Robert Blakely

President

Multiemployer Benefit Council of Canada (MEBCO) (CA)

Randy G. DeFrehn

Executive Director

National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plans

(NCCMP) (US)

Bruno Gabellieri

Secretary General

European Association of Paritarian Institutions for Social

Justice (AEIP) (FR)

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Keynote Address:

Initiatives for Improving Retirement Security

Phyllis C. Borzi

Assistant Secretary

Employee Benefit Security Administration

U. S. Department of Labor (US)

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Panel Discussion – Improving Retirement Security

Panelists:

Francesco Briganti, Ph.D.

Director

European Association of Paritarian Institutions for Social

Justice (AEIP) (IT)

Randy G. DeFrehn

Executive Director NCCMP (US)

Michael Mazzuca

Partner

Koskie Minsky LLP Barristers and Solicitors

MEBCO (CA)

Gerard Riemen

General Director

Federation of the Dutch Pension Funds (NE) and

Chairman AEIP

4:00 pm - 4:15 pm

AFTERNOON BREAK - DEL SOL FOYER II

4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Topic Statement:

Understanding the Rise of Pension Investment in Non-Listed Assets: Private Equity, Infrastructure

Nicolas Firzli

Co-founder and Director-General World Pensions Council (FR)

4:45 pm - 5:45 pm

Panel Discussion: Infrastructure and other non-listed assets

Panelists:

Francesco Briganti, Ph.D.

Director

European Association of Paritarian Institutions for Social

Justice (AEIP) (IT)

Chris Leslie

Chief Executive Officer

Macquarie Infrastructure Partners, Ltd. (US)

Edward Smith

President and Chief Executive Officer

Union Labor Life Insurance Company (Ullico) (US)

6:30 pm -

CONFERENCE DINNER

Hosted by Ullico Café Del Mar

213 S. Ft. Lauderdale Beach Blvd.

Thursday, May 21 -

8:00 am - 8:30 am

BREAKFAST - DEL SOL BALLROOM I

Breakfast

Jean-Philippe Poulnot

Speaker - President

"UP" Group Foundation

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

MORNING SESSION – DEL SOL BALLROOM II

8:30 am - 8:45 am

Announcements, Review of Day 1

Introduction of Keynote Speaker and Panel

Robert Blakely

Canadian Director

Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO,

and

President

Multiemployer Benefit Council of Canada (MEBCO) (CA)

8:45 am - 9:15 am

Keynote Address:

Innovation in Plan Design – Responding to the shift from DB to DC: The search for middle ground

Gerard Riemen

General Director

Federation of the Dutch Pension Funds (NE) and

Chairman AEIP 9:15 am - 9:45 am

Topic Statement:

Significant Trends and Developments in Europe and North America regarding pension plan regulation, governance and plan design

Brian Buyniski

Office of Policy and Research

Division of Regulatory Policy and Analysis Employee Benefits Security Administration

U. S. Department of Labor and

U. S. Delegate to the OECD's Working Party on Private Pensions (WPPP)

9:45 am – 10:45 am

Panel Discussion: Significant Trends

Panelists:

Susan Bird, CEBS

President

The McAteer Group of Companies (CA)

Patrick Finley

General President

Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International

Association (US)

Bruno Gabellieri

Secretary General

European Association of Paritarian Institutions

for Social Justice (FR)

Sibvlle Reichert

Head of Brussels Office

Federation of the Dutch Pension Funds (NE)

10:45 am – 11:00 am

MORNING BREAK - DEL SOL FOYER II

11:00 am – 11:30 am

Topic Statement:

The Growing Importance of wellness and prevention to control costs of health care coverage and improve the quality of life for active and retired workers and their families

Bernd Merz

BG Bau (DE)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Panel Discussion: Importance of Wellness and Prevention

Panelists:

Hugh J. Byers

President

Millian Byers Associates (US)

Paul Fronstin, Ph.D.

Director

Health Research and Education Program
Employee Benefit Research Corporation (US)

Joe Pedone

Director

Care First BlueCross / Blue Shield (US)

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

LUNCH - DEL SOL BALLROOM I

Lunch Speaker - **Earl Pomeroy**

Senior Counsel Alston & Bird, LLP

Health Reform in America: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly - Five years after passage the Affordable Care Act is as controversial as ever. The luncheon presentation will discuss the bill's impact on health coverage--positive and negative--its prospects in the Supreme Court as the second critical Court ruling on the Act draws near, and a perspective on the profound consequences it will have on the future of employer-based health coverage.

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Topic Statement:

Pension De-risking – The proliferation of de-risking strategies to reduce or eliminate funding volatility including annuity purchases and lump-sum distribution of benefits already in pay status in reaction t shared risk strategies across our respective jurisdictions.

David Blumenstein

Senior Vice President National Practice Leader, Multiemployer Consulting Segal Consulting and

Diane Gleave, ASA, FCA, MAAA, EA

Senior Vice President and Actuary, Regional Manager Segal Consulting 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm

Panel Discussion – Pension De-risking

Panelists

Robert Archer

Partner

Archer, Byington, Glennon & Levine, LLP

Susan Bird, CEBS

President

The McAteer Group of Companies (CA)

Bryn Davies

Union Pension Services Limited (UK)

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

AFTERNOON BREAK - DEL SOL FOYER II

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Topic Statement:

Cyber Security - This session will share responses to threats posed by data breaches to plans and participants, especially actions being taken to prevent breaches and address the concerns of those whose information has already been compromised.

Kathryn Bakich

Senior Vice President and

National Health Compliance Practice Leader

Segal (US)

Brian Smith

Chief Operating Officer

Segal Select Insurance Services, Inc. (US)

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Panel Discussion

Panelists

Bruno Gabellieri

Secretary General

European Association of Paritarian Institutions

for Social Justice (FR)

Randall A. Krocka

Administrator

Sheet Metal Occupational Health Institute Trust

Michael Mazzuca

Partner

Koskie Minsky LLP Barristers and Solicitors

MEBCO (CA)

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm **WRAP-UP**

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm **RECEPTION – ILIOS TERRACE FT LAUDERDALE HILTON**

Friday, May 22 -

7:30 am – 9:00 am BREAKFAST - DEL SOL BALLROOM I

9:00 am – 12:00 pm MORNING SESSION - DEL SOL BALLROOM II

9:00 am – 9:15 am Announcements, Review of Day 2

Francesco Briganti, Ph.D.

Director

European Association of Paritarian Institutions for Social

Justice (AEIP) (IT)

9:15 am - 9:45 am Topic Presentation

Trends in Collective Bargaining Driven by

Employee Benefits

John "Rocky" Miller

Partner

Cox, Castle & Nicholson (US)

9:45 am - 10:45 am Panel Discussion

Robert Blakely

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President MEBCO (CA)

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Chris Heinz

Principal

Grossman Heinz (US)

John McNerney

General Counsel

Mechanical Contractors Association of America (US)

10:45 am – 11:00 am

MORNING BREAK - DEL SOL FOYER II

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Open Forum – This session will provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss topics / issues of interest that are not on the formal agenda

11:15 am – 11:45 am

Moderator: Francesco Briganti

11:45 am – 12:00 pm

Closing Remarks

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12:00 pm -

ADJOURNMENT