



JOIN US AT THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT AGENTS' ANNUAL CONVENTION, JUNE 24th THROUGH JUNE 26th, 2010 AT THE WORLD CENTER MARRIOTT ORLANDO.

"FAIA BOOT CAMP: BUILDING LEADERS IN CHALLENGING TIMES"

Rob Swift will be presenting two classes and we will be at booth #305. Stop by and say hello. Mention our newsletter and get a treat!

Get the Facts!

NATURAL CATASTROPHES AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS IN 2009: CATASTROPHES CLAIM FEWER VICTIMS, INSURED LOSSES FALL

Swiss Re Study, 01/2010. Page N/A.

According to Swiss Re's latest Sigma Study, **natural catastrophes and man-made disasters claimed approximately 15,000 lives and cost insurers 26 billion U.S. dollars in 2009.** The overall cost to society was 62 billion U.S. dollars. Insured losses were below average due to a calm U.S. hurricane season.

Worldwide, natural catastrophes cost insurers 22 billion U.S. dollars last year while man-made disasters cost another 4 billion U.S. dollars. Insured losses were highest in North America, costing 12.7 billion U.S. dollars.

The death toll was the highest in Asia, which accounted for nearly 9,400 of the world's 15,000 catastrophe victims. Insured losses in Asia were approximately 2.4 billion U.S. dollars. Compared with previous years, 2009 was a low-loss year, which included 133 natural and 155 man-made disasters. Six events each triggered insured losses in excess of 1 billion U.S. dollars. The costliest event was the European winter storm, Klaus, which struck France and Spain in January and led to insured losses of 2.35 billion euros (nearly 3.4 billion dollars).

Swiss Re's latest Sigma Study, "Natural Catastrophes and Man-made Disasters in 2009", can be accessed on the Swiss Re Web site at:

http://www.swissre.com/pws/research%20publications/sigma%20ins.%20research/sigma_no_1_2010.html

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