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**Warren Palmer, Appalachian Underwriters, Inc., Earns Certified Marine Insurance Professional Designation (CMIP)**

Oak Ridge, TN, October 16, 2009 – Warren Palmer, Appalachian Underwriters, Inc., recently earned the prestigious Certified Marine Insurance Professional Designation (CMIP), conferred by the International Institute for Marine Insurance Studies. The St. Petersburg, FL-based organization trains insurance professionals in Commercial Marine and Longshore insurance coverages.

The CMIP Designation requires attendance at four 2-1/2 day seminars consisting of Fundamentals of Marine Insurance, Commercial Marine Insurance, Insuring Marine Employees and Recreational Marine followed by rigorous examinations. Offered across the United States throughout the calendar year, the CMIP Program is the nation's only Commercial Marine and Longshore professional insurance education program.

Ian Greenway, president of IIMIS, commends Warren on his dedication to professionalism as evidenced by his completion of the Program and his commitment to continuing marine insurance education.

**Appalachian Underwriters, Inc. is a full service MGA and Wholesale Insurance Brokerage, providing independent agents access to multiple markets for workers' compensation, commercial specialty, and personal lines of insurance. AUIs' home office is located in Oak Ridge, TN. With Satellite Offices in San Diego, CA; Kennesaw, GA; Miami, FL; Altamonte Springs, FL; Sarasota, FL; Irmo, SC and Murfreesboro, TN.**

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