



## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **CPR TO PRESENT INAUGURAL “INSPIRING INNOVATION AWARD” HONORING MONSANTO AND VP OF GLOBAL STRATEGY SCOTT PARTRIDGE**

*Award ceremony for innovation in dispute resolution will be Feb. 16 at CPR 2016 Annual Meeting in New Orleans*

**New York, NY – Jan. 25, 2016:** The International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR) is pleased to announce that it will honor Monsanto Company and Scott Partridge, the company’s Vice President of Global Strategy, with the Inspiring Innovation Award in recognition of Monsanto’s development and implementation of a unique, business-led dispute management process creating a powerful, proactive industry-wide dispute identification and resolution program. The inaugural Inspiring Innovation Award will be presented at a dinner program on Feb. 16, as part of the first day of CPR’s 2016 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

“Monsanto and Scott have proven to be true innovators who devise new principles of engagement in an industry that is fraught with business-to-business disputes,” said Noah Hanft, President & CEO of CPR. “Further, Scott’s leadership in helping Monsanto to understand the importance of dispute management as a business, and not purely a legal, function embodies CPR’s message that businesses should implement more thoughtful, holistic and corporate-wide approaches to identifying and resolving disputes.”

“Scott embarked on what was an entirely different direction for dispute resolution at Monsanto. He met that challenge impressively—first internally, within the company, and then more broadly within the industry. For these reasons, we are pleased to honor Scott and Monsanto for their vision,” Hanft added.

“I’m grateful that Scott has championed the creation of relationship-based dispute resolution, consciously building a new process that’s based on collaboration, one of Monsanto’s core values,” said Hugh Grant, Monsanto Chairman and CEO. “This recognition is also a testament to our entire team’s efforts to pursue rational solutions to issues, so we can devote more of our time, resources and energy on putting new tools into the hands of farmers around the world.”

CPR’s [2016 Annual Meeting](#) will be held on Feb. 16-18 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans. Sponsorships opportunities are available. For more information and to register, contact Beth Trent at [btrent@cpradr.org](mailto:btrent@cpradr.org).

### **About CPR**

CPR is an independent nonprofit organization that, for more than 35 years, has helped global businesses prevent and resolve commercial disputes effectively and efficiently. Our membership consists of top corporations and law firms, academic and government institutions, and leading mediators and arbitrators around the world. CPR is unique as: (1) a thought leader, driving a global dispute resolution culture; (2) a developer of cutting-edge tools and resources, powered by the collective innovation of its membership; and (3) an ADR provider offering innovative, practical arbitration rules, mediation and other dispute resolution procedures, and neutrals worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.cpradr.org](http://www.cpradr.org).

### **About Monsanto**

Monsanto is committed to bringing a broad range of solutions to help nourish our growing world. We produce seeds for fruits, vegetables and key crops – such as corn, soybeans, and cotton – that help farmers have better harvests while using water and other important resources more efficiently. We work to find sustainable solutions for soil health, help farmers use data to improve farming practices and conserve natural resources, and provide crop protection products to minimize damage from pests and disease. Through programs and partnerships, we collaborate with farmers, researchers, nonprofit organizations, universities and others to help tackle some of the world's biggest challenges. To learn more about Monsanto, our commitments and our more than 20,000 dedicated employees, please visit: [discover.monsanto.com](http://discover.monsanto.com) and [monsanto.com](http://monsanto.com). Follow our business on Twitter® at [twitter.com/MonsantoCo](https://twitter.com/MonsantoCo), on the company blog, Beyond the Rows® at [monsantoblog.com](http://monsantoblog.com) or subscribe to our [News Release RSS Feed](#).

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