

Scenes from Denver: The ICRI 2006 Fall Convention



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Back to Basics

Each year we strive to bring our members the best the industry has to offer at every one of our conventions. For the ICRI 2006 Fall Convention, held November 1-3, 2006, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver, CO, the industry decided to bring us its best as well. ICRI set a new attendance record with 280 industry professionals gathering for a chance to get "Back to Basics."

As is tradition, the official start of the fall convention was the Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening. Here was the first hint that this convention was going to set records, as attendees gathered with an astonishing 38 exhibitors. Industry professionals from all over the country (and the world!) took this opportunity to meet with friends and make some new ones as well.

Before the intensity of the convention began, the Rocky Mountain Chapter did manage to slip in a chilly, but spectacularly beautiful, golf outing at the Fossil Trace Golf Club on Wednesday morning.

The "Back to Basics" theme of this convention allowed for members of the Technical Activities

Committee to recruit a wide variety of the finest concrete repair professionals the industry has to offer. They shared their experiences, case studies, and demos, giving attendees a unique glimpse into what the brightest repair minds in the world have to offer the industry. A record number of attendees were on hand, so we were thrilled to have some extra room available for more bodies and more chairs. The full field of 14 presentations earned high praise and accolades from everyone.



This year's convention included a record 38 exhibitors displaying their newest products and services to attendees



Golfing participants (left to right) Stephen O'Brien, Lindsay Blatz, Katherine Blatz, and Bruce Collins on the 18th tee box at Fossil Trace



Golfing participants (left to right) Steve Williamson, Scott Suttinger, and Greg Gillmor on the 17th green



Several hands-on demonstrations were among the highlights of the technical presentations

Speaking of room, the record attendance was also evident during all the committee meetings on Thursday and Friday. Much of what ICRI does as an industry association comes from the work of the technical and administrative committees. These committees work hard to ensure the continued growth of ICRI, its members, and the industry. It was great to see all the new faces at many of the meetings and we welcome all those that are willing to volunteer their time and energy.

The convention's General Session during lunch on Thursday included the official welcome by ICRI President Dennis Pinelle, who was thrilled to greet a record crowd. Also on the agenda for the afternoon was a presentation by ICRI Executive Director Kelly Page on the many enhancements members can look forward to when ICRI debuts a revamped website with a variety of user-friendly upgrades and special "members only" sections for committee members.

The 14th Annual Awards Banquet is the highlight of any ICRI fall convention, and this year was no exception. The evening began with Executive Director Kelly Page handing out the Chapter Awards for activities during the previous year. The Baltimore-Washington Chapter was honored with the prestigious Chapter of the Year Award.

The main event is, of course, the Project Awards. This banquet is in their honor and gives all attendees an opportunity to hear about some challenging work and exceptional achievement. Awards Committee Chair, Randy Beard of Walker Parking Consultants, served as emcee as we handed out not only the 2006 Project of the Year honors, but also seven Awards of Excellence and 10 Awards of Merit. In true international fashion, winners came from the United Kingdom, Mexico, and Canada for this special presentation. A special thanks and congratulations go out to those ICRI Project Award winners for their hard work, not only on the projects themselves, but on the high quality of all the entries we received.

Friday afternoon the attendees were excited to be able to participate in our hands-on demonstration. This interactive part of the technical presentations focused on several types of non-destructive evaluation equipment. Seven different stations around the room allowed participants an up-close observation of equipment dealing with reinforcing steel sizing, concrete thickness and integrity, as well as strength and corrosion.

The convention was capped off Friday evening by the Rocky Mountain Chapter reception. The Mount Vernon Country Club was the setting and all of Denver was the backdrop from high up in the mountains. Local flavor was all around with the view, some great area food selections (including Rocky Mountain oysters), and a lively band of local entertainers.



Nine Past Presidents of ICRI attended this convention



Members of the Baltimore-Washington Chapter proudly accepted the 2006 Chapter of the Year Award patch



Accepting the 2006 Project of the Year Award were (from left to right) Steve Davis of C-Probe Systems, Ltd.; Peter Cowlard of Makers UK Limited; Graeme Jones of C-Probe Systems, Ltd.; Simon Lamb of Makers UK Limited; and Tim Gillespie of Sika Corporation

We were thrilled to hit a new attendance record in Denver, and look forward to providing more of the same high-quality technical presentations in the future. We hope to see you all at the ICRI 2007 Spring Convention in Atlanta, GA, April 19-20, 2007. Members of the Technical Activities Committee will once again take the lead in planning the technical

presentations as we build on the basics to bring you "Innovative and Advanced Techniques." Mark your calendars and plan to join us in April. If you've never been to an ICRI convention, spring 2007 offers another great location and the best line up of presentations yet. Don't wait, make your plans now!



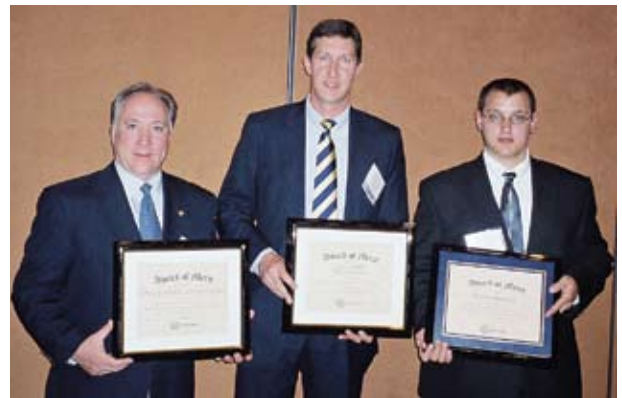
Award of Excellence winners Kraig Tarou (left) and Doug Leng (right) of Structural Group, Inc., and Byron Evetts, PE (center) of Existing Structures Engineering



Award of Excellence winners Mo Eshani of Quakewrap, Inc., and Jeff Robertson (right) of Schneider & Associates



Award of Excellence winners Bill Light (left) of Sika Corporation and Bill Gibson (right), president and owner of Gibson & Associates



Award of Merit winners Brian Iske (left) of DeNeef Construction Chemicals, Inc., and Doug Gremel (center) and Ryan Koch (right) of Hughes Brothers



The Rocky Mountain Social Outing at Mount Vernon