

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MOVING AHEAD IN 2016



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The ICRI spring convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico was another success with 224 attendees. ICRI members were treated to a variety of networking opportunities, technical sessions, and a chance to mingle near the ocean at the Celebrate Puerto Rico reception. Another opportunity to network and catch up will approach quickly, so save the date for the ICRI Fall Convention, November 9-11, 2016, in Cleveland, Ohio.

A highlight of the spring event is an opportunity to celebrate our members and their accomplishments at the Recognition Luncheon. This year we had the opportunity to honor our newest fellows—Peter Kolf, Mark Nelson, Michael O'Malley, and David Whitmore. All have given a tremendous amount of time and energy to the association and we are happy to honor them.

Looking ahead in 2016, ICRI is pleased to report that our Concrete Surface Repair Technician program is up and running. It is our first attempt at an online certification program and makes use of our new Learning Management System. This new training and certification program consists of five online training modules, a knowledge exam, and a performance exam. Technicians will be introduced to types of concrete deteriora-

tion, the requirements for quality repair, awareness of repair materials and methods, and will be qualified to perform pre- and post-placement inspections and training.

Our mission is to provide education, networks and leadership to improve the repair, restoration, and protection/preservation of concrete and other material systems. So in 2016, ICRI will continue to work diligently to strengthen and grow our industry partnerships. And this is where you, the member, can help. Our industry is varied and diverse and there are quite a few associations that work with concrete. While we plan to do what we can to strengthen our partnerships with organizations like ACI, PTI ASA, ASCC, CRSI, NACE, PCA, PCI, SSPC, and SWRI, we want to know what organizations you work with where you think there is a need for a partnership. So tell us.

The summer months are typically the busiest time of year for the majority of you. While you are working with a variety of trades and professionals on your numerous projects across the country and the world, think about how we can all work together to improve the quality and professionalism of ICRI members and the jobs we do.

Respectfully,

Keith Harrison, FICRI
2016 President

