ICRI Presents
Technical Seminar:
Corrosion Control and Mitigation
ICRI Safety Seminar
ICRI 2015 Project Award
Award of Excellence

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ICRI Upcoming Events

March 16th - 18th, 2016
ICRI 2016 Spring Convention
The Condado Plaza Hilton
San Juan, Puerto Rico

March 24th, 2016
Great Plains Lunch Meeting
Topic: Safety
President Hilton, Kansas City

May 12th, 2016
Joint Meeting with ACI
Topic: Concrete Repair Materials & Methods
Hawkins Corporate Office, Omaha

July 14th, 2016
Joint Meeting with the BEC of St. Louis
Topic: Waterproofing
Goedecke Learning Center, St. Louis

October 13th, 2016
Great Plains Technical Lunch Meeting
Topic: Crack Injection
Kansas City

November 9th - 11th, 2016
ICRI National Fall Convention, Cleveland

November 3rd, 2016
Great Plains Lunch Meeting, St. Louis

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A Message from the ICRI President
The ICRI Great Plains Chapter is looking forward to a fantastic 2016 year. We hope you and many of your peer professionals that are involved with the concrete and masonry restoration industry support, attend, and participate in the Chapter this year.

We have a fantastic team of Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs dedicated to our chapter and to our industry. We have a great mix of board members from Omaha, Kansas City, and St. Louis to help serve the three large metro areas in our chapter.

We are excited to provide five Technical Seminars in our region this year. We will have two Seminars in Kansas City, two in St. Louis, and one in Omaha. We have distinguished speakers already lined up for the whole year. The subject matters chosen were based on feedback from you and other Great Plains members. We hope you can join us for both our annual Golf Outing and our always festive Holiday Party in early December. Refer to our calendar of events, website, and newsletters for more information on these events. Your attendance and involvement is what makes these events special.

In 2016 we are continuing the scholarship program by working with the Engineering Universities in our region. The scholarships provide students an opportunity to be acknowledged for their accomplishments and supplement their continuing education. This provides great value to our community that we are proud to support.

Our members bring great value to our organization and we look for that to continue in 2016 and beyond. Your involvement, participation, and support of the Great Plains Chapter strengthens the restoration community in Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. We encourage you to reach out to the Great Plains Chapter leadership with any suggestions, questions, or other interests in the Chapter that you have. Your input and activity is needed and valued!

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The Great Plains Chapter’s first Technical Seminar was in St. Louis, at the Hilton Downtown at the Arch on Thursday, February 18th. Jaime Gaumnitz welcomed the attendees for the first time as 2016 President of the Great Plains Chapter. After giving an overview of what is coming up for the year, Jaime presented an Award of Excellence to Superior Waterproofing and Goedecke for their work on the St. Louis Old Cathedral Restoration Project. Tom Schmitt and Mike Rafferty accepted the awards on behalf of Superior and Goedecke respectively.

The topic of the seminar was Corrosion Control and Mitigation. We had two speakers. Tim Gillespie, V.P. of Product Management from the Sika Corporation, travelled from Lyndhurst, New Jersey to give his presentation, “Total Corrosion Management”. Tim addressed causes of corrosion, materials and methods of mitigation, and corrosion management strategies. Our second speaker, Sunil Puri, came to us from Atlanta, Georgia, where he is a Senior Associate of the Diagnostics Group of Walter P. Moore. Sunil gave his presentation, “Cathodic Protection—A Proactive Approach to Durable Concrete Repairs”. His presentation covered the engineering and execution of a cathodic protection system on a superstructure in Florida, covering all aspects of the project from diagnostic analysis of the existing corrosion and mitigation systems all the way through the repair of the structure and installation of the new cathodic protection system.

The seminar was well attended by members from St. Louis, Kansas City, and Omaha.
Congratulations to Tom Schmitt of Superior Waterproofing and Mike Rafferty of Goedecke. Tom and Mike were awarded with the Chapter’s 2015 Award of Excellence, in the Historic Masonry category, for their work on the Old Cathedral of Saint Louis project. The primary objective of the job was to repair and replace the deteriorating limestone surfaces on the exterior facade. Superior performed a combination of cleaning, tuck-pointing, crack injection, and stone replacement to restore the Cathedral to its original glory. The building is a Saint Louis landmark and the restoration was a high-profile project that received much local attention and acclaim.