I hope everyone has had a great summer. I know most of us have been extremely busy and will be happy to see cooler temperatures coming our way. It has been a very hot summer in the South! I also hope you had a chance this summer to relax and take a breath. Busy summer work schedules also seem to coincide with school breaks, vacations, and many other activities.

Fall is upon us which means we are all, hopefully, preparing to make arrangements to attend the 2016 ICRI Fall Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, November 9-11, where we will have presentations on a variety of industry topics surrounding our theme, “Urban Reconstruction.” In addition to the great networking opportunities available at the luncheons, receptions and throughout the convention, we are fortunate to have some exceptional educational opportunities as well. The line-up of technical session speakers and topics include: “The Ultimate Act of Sustainability” by Christopher Perego of BASF; “What’s Wrong with My Concrete?” by Aimee Pergalsky of Euclid; “Project Management” by JD Smith from the Pittsburgh Parking Authority and many, many more.

In addition to those educational opportunities mentioned above, I really encourage you to sign up for the 24th Annual ICRI Project Awards program as well. This annual Fall Convention event is not to be missed! Not only will there be some fantastic networking, but you will get to hear about what goes into some of the most interesting repair projects completed by your friends and colleagues at ICRI. This is where ICRI members get to show off the elements of their projects that made them unique, interesting, and state-of-the-art.

Please don’t forget to keep up with our Certification Programs. As you may have read in past issues of the CRB, seen in email blasts, or viewed on the ICRI website, the new Concrete Surface Repair Technician (CSRT) Certification Program is up and running! This online certification program was developed based on industry demand and code language. The new ACI 562-16 “Code Requirements for Evaluation, Repair, and Rehabilitation of Concrete Buildings” outlines repair inspector qualifications for the inspection of concrete repairs, and designates an individual who has been certified as an ICRI Concrete Surface Repair Technician – Grade 1, as a qualified inspector. This is the newest offering from ICRI and the first offering in our new Certification & Learning Center. I am happy to report to you that we have had some great feedback from several people who have already participated, and we are looking forward to hearing more from the many others who have signed up to complete the program.

Great news! I found out that there is a session of our popular Concrete Slab Moisture Testing Technician (CCSMTT) Certification Program scheduled for right before the Fall Convention in Cleveland. You can get ICRI certified and participate in the convention as well! Don’t miss out on an opportunity to get the whole package and get the biggest bang for your buck!

As your 2016 President, and on behalf of the current ICRI Board of Directors, I want you to know how much we look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Fall Convention. It is truly the best place to learn, network and make the most of your ICRI membership. Please do not hesitate to email or call me with any questions or concerns at keith@capitalrestorations.com or (919) 878-0018.

Respectfully,
Keith Harrison, FICRI
2016 ICRI President

ICRI INFORMATION & DEADLINES

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES FOR ICRI ACTIVITIES.

**CRB EDITORIAL DEADLINES**

November/December 2016 issue—mid-September 2016
Theme: ICRI Project Awards

January/February 2017 issue—mid-November 2016
Theme: Certification Programs

March/April 2017 issue—mid-January 2017
Theme: Urban Reconstruction

May/June 2017 issue—mid-March 2017
Theme: Building and Repair Code Updates

July/August 2017 issue—mid-May 2017
Theme: Sport Facilities

September/October 2017 issue—mid-July 2017
Theme: Bridges and Highways

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE AND OTHER ICRI PROGRAMS ON OUR WEBSITE, [WWW.ICRI.ORG](http://WWW.ICRI.ORG).

**UPCOMING CERTIFICATION CLASSES**

Concrete Slab Moisture Testing Certification Program
- September 21-22, 2016—Baltimore, MD area
- November 7-8, 2016—Cleveland, OH area
- January 18-19, 2017—Las Vegas, NV area

Concrete Surface Repair Technician Certification Program
Live Performance Exams
- September 21-22, 2016—Baltimore, MD area
- November 8-9, 2016—Cleveland, OH area
- January 17-18, 2017—Las Vegas, NV area

**ICRI 2016 FALL CONVENTION**

November 9-11, 2016
Theme: “Urban Reconstruction”
The Westin Cleveland Downtown, Cleveland, Ohio