

Check out our Fall Newsletter (attached) to read about the exciting events that SWE-KC has hosted this past summer. You can also view more recent events on our [blog](#). We hope to see you at our next event, the October Meet & Greet on 10/19 at La Bodega in Leawood. For more information, please see our [Eventbrite](#) page.

This e-blast is a special edition, highlighting next year's Region i Conference in St. Louis, MO. Read on to learn more about iCON17 and why you should attend! SWE-KC has funding this year to help subsidize registration costs for some interested members. More information will come out in November.

iCON17 Details:

When: February 24-26, 2017

Where: St. Louis Union Station – Doubletree Hilton Hotel

Content: The region conference usually starts with a fun networking event on Friday evening. Saturday is filled with breakout speaker sessions on topics including unconscious bias, diversity & inclusion, innovation & entrepreneurship, leadership, career transitions, and K-12 Outreach. There will also be 2 keynote speakers throughout the day.

Website: <http://stl.swe.org/icon17.html>

Registration: will open in November; cost is usually ~\$100-\$120 (does not include hotel expenses)

Why should you attend?

The Annual Region i Conference supports diversity in STEM, provides networking opportunities, as well as SWE, personal, and professional development. This conference brings together engineering students and professionals from 25 universities and 9 professional sections across our region. Here are some quotes from SWE-KC members after attending past region conferences:

“One perk of attending the region conference is getting the chance to meet up with other Region i friends and practice networking.”

“The region conferences are filled with networking, sharing, and learning.”

“The evening keynote address...was an inspiring speech on her challenges and successes as a woman (and as a new mom) in the male-dominated field of sports stadium design. Everyone found something that resonated with them in her message.”

“[For many], it was the first region conference they had attended, and they left feeling inspired and empowered.”

Call for Speakers:

The iCON17 committee is seeking proposals for breakout session speakers. Region conferences have 20-25 speakers, so there are plenty of opportunities. Most of the best speakers are ones that just tell their story, or pick a topic that interests them to speak on. Submitting a proposal only requires a short bio and a short summary of your topic. Proposals are due by **October 28, 2016**. Submit speaker proposals [here](#).

Conference speakers typically receive a discount on registration costs. Members who submit speaker proposals will have a greater chance to receive SWE-KC funding for iCON17.