



International Multimedia Telecommunications Consortium and Illinois Tech Announce Partnership to Jointly Host the IMTC Connect Forum and 13th Annual Real-Time Communications Conference, Expo & Hackathon

San Ramon, CA and Chicago, IL– APRIL 3, 2017 – The International Multimedia Telecommunications Consortium (IMTC) and the Illinois Institute of Technology Real-Time Communications Lab are pleased to announce their event partnership to jointly host the annual IMTC Connect Forum and IIT Real-Time Communications (RTC) Conference and Expo taking place September 25 - 28, 2017 in Hermann Hall on the Illinois Tech Mies campus in Chicago, IL.

The IIT RTC Conference and IMTC Connect Forum are globally recognized collaborative events where multimedia and real-time communications industry and academia connect. This conference will bring together technical professionals and business executives from the data and telecommunications industry, standards bodies, policy and regulatory institutions, and academic educators and researchers to promote an open exchange of ideas to lead future development in the rapidly changing field of real-time communications.

The event is a multi-tracked conference that will run over two and a half days focusing on the major areas of:

- Internet of Things (IoT)
- WebRTC
- Video and Audio Multimedia Communications
- Real Time Multimedia Software Defined Networks (RTM SDN) and Cloud Communications
- Next Generation 911
- Mobile Networks and Applications

“We are very pleased and excited to be partnering with the IIT for the first time ever” said Anatoli Levine, IMTC president and director of product management, Spirent Communications. “Combining our Connect and RTC events will bring together real-time communications industry and academia, offering an unparalleled level of in-depth technical presentations, interactive sessions and networking opportunities for the betterment of the entire ecosystem.”

“This partnership will enlarge the event's scope and depth of coverage, and bring new opportunities for our students, researchers and all participants,” said Carol Davids, IIT RTC Lab Director and Industry Professor.

A variety of cost-effective sponsorships are available and provide a great opportunity for organizations to show support for and position themselves as leaders in real-time multimedia telecommunications.

The conference includes the following additional opportunities to all participants:

[TADHack Global, September 23-24](#)

The IIT Main Campus will host a [TADHack](#) Chicago venue. The winners of this event will present their pitches the following week during a conference keynote.

[Tutorials on Monday, September 25](#)

Important and timely topics in real-time communications taught by leading subject matter experts, will be available Monday free of charge to Full-conference registrants.

[IPTComm](#)

[IPTComm](#), an independent academic conference whose focus is applied research in the area of Real-Time communications will once again be hosted as a track within the RTC Conference. Research papers accepted by IPTComm will be presented in the track and published on IEEE Xplore.

About the International Multimedia Telecommunications Consortium (IMTC)

The [IMTC](#) is an industry-leading, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and facilitate the development and use of interoperable, real-time, multimedia telecommunication products and services based on open international standards. The IMTC hosts interoperability testing events and demonstrations throughout the world. IMTC has hosted numerous events to test WebRTC, IoT, SDN, IMS, VoLTE, SIP, H.323, TIP, and many other Voice over IP products and services. The IMTC Board of Directors includes representatives from Cisco Systems, LifeSize Communications, Polycom, Qualcomm, Spirent, Unify and Vidyo. Membership is open to any interested party, including vendors of audio, document, and video conferencing hardware and software; academic institutions; government agencies; and non-profit organizations. The IMTC is making "Rich Media happen Anywhere, Anytime."

About the Illinois Institute of Technology's Real-Time Communications Lab

The [Real-Time Communications \(RTC\) Lab](#) at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) is a unique venue in which industry and academia connect and collaborate. The lab is an educational facility dedicated to teaching, research and development activities that further the advancement of networked communications. It hosts projects and events together with partners in industry and academia. The lab includes permanent test beds that support courses and projects. These include Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) implementations, WebRTC, VoIP, cellular and Bluetooth infrastructure.

About Illinois Institute of Technology

[Illinois Institute of Technology](#), also known as Illinois Tech, is a private, technology-focused research university, located in Chicago, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in engineering, science, architecture, business, design, human sciences, applied technology, and law. One of 21 institutions that comprise the Association of Independent Technological Universities (AITU), Illinois Tech offers exceptional preparation for professions that require technological sophistication, an innovative mindset, and an entrepreneurial spirit.

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