

Keynote Speakers Headline 2026 RIMS Canada Conference

The 2026 RIMS Canada Conference will take place from October 18–21 in Québec City. In addition to valuable networking opportunities with exhibitors and peers, and engaging educational sessions led by risk management experts, the event features top-notch keynote speakers:

Lieutenant General Darcy Molstad is Commander of the Canadian Joint Forces Command. An accomplished CF-18 pilot and fighter weapons instructor, he commanded at the Squadron, Air Task Force and Wing levels. He conducted extensive post-9/11 alert duties across Canada and deployed on operations in Asia, Iceland, Romania and the Middle East. In addition to his current position, he has held senior roles including Special Advisor to the Minister of National Defence, Director General in the Strategic Joint Staff and Chief of Force Development.

Lital Marom is an AI visionary, entrepreneur and business transformation expert. An engineer by training, she began her career building computer systems in Europe before leading global sales and strategy for Fortune 100 teams across three continents. Her innovation firm, UNFOLD, helps global brands leverage disruptive technologies and systems thinking to scale smarter. Through



Clockwise from top left: Lieutenant General Darcy Molstad, Lital Marom, Col. Jeremy Hansen and Sophie Grégoire Trudeau

the Academy of Tomorrow, she equips emerging leaders with the creative skills and growth mindsets needed to thrive in the age of AI.

Col. Jeremy Hansen is an astronaut who served on Artemis II, the first crewed lunar mission in more than 50 years. His journey to space began as a fighter pilot before he was selected by the Canadian Space Agency in 2009. At NASA's Johnson Space Center, he served as a Mission Control capcom and became the first Canadian to lead NASA's astronaut training class. Assigned to Artemis II in 2023, Hansen traveled more than 1.1 million kilometres with his crewmates, becoming the first Canadian to travel to the Moon.

Sophie Grégoire Trudeau is a bestselling author, mental health advocate and champion of gender equality, youth empowerment, emotional literacy and well-being. A trained journalist and television host, she has interviewed influential leaders and public figures, and hosted programs on a variety of topics. She received the United Nations Association of New York's Humanitarian of the Year Award in 2018 and was named National Volunteer for the Canadian Mental Health Association in 2022. Her 2024 book, *Closer Together*, was a #1 bestseller in Canada and one of Audible's Best Books of 2024. ♦

On Remembering and Resilience



This year marks a quarter century since September 11, 2001, when terrorist attacks on the United States killed nearly 3,000 people, injured many more and impacted the lives of millions.

This somber anniversary provides the opportunity to reflect on the lives lost and the lasting impact of this tragedy on survivors, families, friends, first responders and everyone who witnessed that horrific day and bore its burden over the past 25 years.

But the events of 9/11 also revealed the best in human nature, such as the warm welcome shown by Canadians when U.S.-bound flights were diverted to Gander, Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto, Halifax and other locations.

In the aftermath of 9/11, RIMS played a leading role in crafting and passing the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA), which established an insurance backstop in the event of future large-scale terrorist attacks on America. [On a recent RIMScast episode](#), former RIMS President Janice Ochenkowski recounted the story of RIMS' involvement and the hard work of many members who helped write and ultimately pass the legislation.

RIMS continues to provide practical guidance on TRIA and is working on bipartisan legislation in both the U.S. House and Senate for its reauthorization. Earlier this summer, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 7128, the TRIA Program Reauthorization Act of 2026, by a vote of 373-15. Meanwhile,

the Senate Banking Committee has voted unanimously to report S.4395, the Senate's version of the reauthorization bill. The next step for the bill is consideration by the full Senate. RIMS continues to urge Senators to support passage of the bill by year's end. Reauthorizing TRIA will ensure continued stability in property and casualty markets, allowing underwriters to provide insurance with the assurance of a federal reinsurance backstop if a qualifying terrorism event occurs. You can learn more about the bill [here](#).

RIMS members have played and continue to play an important role in ensuring the resilience of the United States. Please plan to join your colleagues at the next Legislative Summit on March 17-18, 2027 in Washington, D.C.

Also, please consider supporting [RISK PAC](#), RIMS political action committee. RISK PAC plays an important role in advancing the Society's public policy program by supporting candidates for federal office who understand and support RIMS key initiatives. RISK PAC has enabled RIMS public policy team, both staff members and volunteers, to speak directly with Members of Congress and their key staff members about issues like TRIA, the National Flood Insurance Program, and third-party litigation funding. ♦



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There's a lot of great things happening across RIMS chapters — and we want to help you show them off. Whether it's a standout event, a hands-on workshop, or a meaningful charity effort, your stories help keep the broader community connected and inspired.

We can't wait to spotlight what your chapter has been up to in the next edition of *RIMS Now* so send your short write-ups and photos to RIMS NOW@RIMS.org.

EVENTS

RIMS ERM Conference Comes to Columbus

With enterprise risk management continuing to grow in importance and visibility, the RIMS ERM Conference is heading to Columbus, Ohio from November 19 to 20. As the premier event for risk professionals shaping the future of ERM, this two-day conference will bring together thought leaders, industry innovators and practitioners to learn, network, share knowledge and explore the latest ERM strategies, solutions and best practices.

The RIMS ERM Conference will provide a host of opportunities to engage with and learn from fellow risk professionals and the experts who are leading the conversation on ERM. More than 30 educational sessions will explore a range of ERM-related topics for both advanced and foundational experience levels, and various networking sessions and table-top discussions will allow attendees to exchange of ideas and insights on key ERM concepts. Attendees will also be able to download a Special ERM Edition of *Risk Management Magazine*, curated specifically for those looking to boost their enterprise risk management knowledge even further.

Kicking off the conference will be keynote speaker **Roger Spitz**, a leading authority on systemic disruption, strategic foresight and AI. As chair of the Disruptive Futures Institute and president of Techistential in San Francisco, he advises CEOs, boards and investors on making decisions under deep uncertainty, anticipating disruption and creating sustainable value. His keynote will examine the nature of uncertainty and systemic risk, and explore the adaptive, anticipatory frameworks that are reframing how organizations model, manage and respond to systemic disruption.

Attendees who arrive early will also have a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes at Ohio Stadium, nicknamed “The Horseshoe” and home to The Ohio State Buckeyes football team, for an exclusive look at how one of college football’s most iconic venues manages risk on game day and beyond. On November 18, Mark Benotti,



chief risk officer for The Ohio State University and Mike Penner, athletic director who oversees stadium operations, will lead an insider discussion on the real-world challenges of securing a 100,000+ seat venue. They will cover topics from crowd management and emergency planning to vendor coordination and severe weather protocols—followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the stadium itself. Interested participants can sign up for the tour when they register for the conference.

All of this takes place in a city that was named one of the country’s next great food cities by *Food & Wine* as well as a top 10 big U.S. city and one of the friendliest cities by *Condé Nast Traveler*. So whether you are just getting started on your ERM journey or are an advanced practitioner looking to hone your strategy, the RIMS ERM Conference will provide you with the resources you need. We look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about the RIMS ERM Conference or to register, visit <https://www.rims.org/events/erm/erm-conference-2026>. ♦

RESOURCES

RIMS Foundation Awards 2026 Texas Scholarship

RIMS, The Foundation for Risk Management™, (The Foundation) awarded its first RIMS Texas Scholarship to provide early-career risk management professionals with financial support to attend the RIMS 2026 Texas Regional Conference, which was held in San Antonio in August.



With support from Rosenberg & Parker, The Foundation's 2026 RIMS Texas Scholarship provided five rising risk professionals with complimentary registration and accommodations for them to attend the conference. The 2026 scholarship recipients were:

- **Megan Ceballos**, senior insurance analyst, Quanta Services, Inc.
- **Ashley Edney**, senior risk management specialist, Michaels, Inc.
- **Steven Grindinger**, insurance customer service representative, Hillwood, a Perot Company
- **Christopher Holloman**, director of risk management, Emergy Oil, LLC
- **Angelina Varela Bale**, corporate insurance analyst, USAA

"The Foundation is centered on creating opportunities for emerging risk professionals to learn, connect and grow," said Foundation Chair Patrick Sterling. "The 2026 RIMS Texas Scholarship is a great example of not only investing in the development of these future leaders, but it also allows us to build a stronger pipeline of dynamic risk leaders who will be prepared to navigate tomorrow's risks and steer our organizations into the future."

To support the RIMS Texas Scholarship Program, or to learn more about RIMS, The Foundation for Risk Management and to contribute, visit www.RIMS.org/FRM. ♦

Exploring Tactics for Reporting to the Board

To effectively support the achievement of strategic and business objectives, boards require a clear understanding of the organization's most significant risks and its overall risk management capabilities, according to a new RIMS Executive Report titled *Board*



Risk Reporting: How to Deliver Insights That Matter.

Authored by members of the RIMS Strategic and Enterprise Risk Management Council, the report provides practical insights and guidance to risk practitioners responsible for reporting to their organization's board of directors or overarching governance committees. To support this endeavor, the report offers strategies to address the following critical questions:

- How do you align risk reporting with the board's role and expectations?
- What steps should be taken to sustain this alignment over time?
- How do you ensure reporting provides the board with the appropriate level of detail to support informed decision-making and fulfill their oversight responsibilities?

"It may take risk practitioners significant time and effort to identify and confirm board-level expectations, establish top-level consensus, and create the alignment needed to support ongoing board reporting and active engagement," the report notes. "However, this work is critical to the success of board-level reporting, ongoing engagement with the board, and ultimately, to the success of the organization itself."

To download the report, visit RIMS Risk Knowledge library at www.RIMS.org/RiskKnowledge. ♦

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RIMS Applauds North Carolina's Third-Party Litigation Funding Ban



RIMS recently commended the North Carolina legislature for their decision to prohibit third-party litigation funding (TPLF) in the state. Specifically, the legislation makes it “unlawful for a person to engage in litigation investment in this state or to furnish litigation investment to a party or counsel of record in a civil proceeding in this state.” A funder can incur civil penalties of up to \$50,000 per violation. The law includes exceptions such as pro bono funding, insurers’ defense or indemnification obligations, or loans or financial support not contingent on a proceeding’s outcomes.

TPLF is the process whereby third-party funders provide money to a plaintiff or plaintiff’s counsel in exchange for a cut of the proceeds resulting from the underlying litigation or settlement. They typically involve a funding agreement that contains the funder’s identity, investment amount, payment schedule, and whether the funder may exercise any strategic control over the litigation.

Key TPLF concerns include:

- Potential conflicts of interest as funders may have incentives to pursue goals that are not in the best interest of the plaintiffs.
- Foreign adversaries could use TPLF to influence

the American legal system.

- TPLF can drive up settlement costs and prolong litigation (in some cases, even when the plaintiff would prefer to settle).
- TPLF raises legal defense costs for commercial entities that could result in those expenses trickling down to consumers.

TPLF remains one of RIMS legislative priorities. The Society will continue to dedicate resources that support advocacy initiatives that raise awareness about TPLF’s devastating impacts on the economy, the security of intellectual property from both domestic and foreign competitors, and organizations’ ability to financially address legal risks while delivering affordable goods and services.

“Third-party litigation funding distorts the purpose of our legal system,” said RIMS President Manny Padilla. “It allows outside investors to profit from lawsuits at the expense of plaintiffs and businesses alike, driving up costs and creating unnecessary financial strain. North Carolina lawmakers have taken an important step toward addressing these concerns, and RIMS looks forward to building on this momentum as we continue to advance this legislative priority.” ♦



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Nicholas Quigley

C. Nicholas Quigley is a risk specialist for the Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres, an educator and retired veteran. A prominent member of the RIMS Saskatchewan Chapter (SKRIMS), he discussed how his military training served as the foundation for his risk management career and earning the RIMS-CRMP in 2022.

You already have several professional designations. What led you to the RIMS-CRMP?

My motivation was to strike a balance between drawing on my military experience and communicating in the appropriate risk-focused corporate language required in my new role. As I had only experienced military style risk management, it was difficult to find the correct terminology to match the corporate environment. The RIMS-CRMP instantly makes you stand out in Canada, especially in Saskatchewan where I live; there are currently 13 certification holders in my province and 172 in Canada.

I started with my ISO31000: Senior Lead Risk Manager certification and then opted for the RIMS-CRMP, as it is globally recognized. Once I earned my RIMS-CRMP, I quickly understood that I had a good understanding of risk and was also prepared to continue the learning journey. This commitment to continuous learning is how I have earned many of my certifications. I remain committed to expanding my knowledge and welcome opportunities to further develop my expertise.

How does the certification complement your other credentials?

The RIMS-CRMP is the overarching 30,000-foot-level information that enables me to find a way to bridge everything together and compare apples to apples. It can be difficult to weigh IT with financial and reputational risks and how they are all competing for budgets where none have measured their risks in the same way.

It is like finishing the edge of the puzzle that makes



everything fit inside it. My other certifications are more granular and technical, leading me to get into the weeds of the problems to understand specific complexities.

Many credential holders talk about translating experiences into formal risk practice. How are your experiences validated by the RIMS-CRMP?

Earning my RIMS-CRMP has been instrumental in opening doors for me. My military experiences, while often difficult, have shaped who I am, and I speak about them openly because I believe in reducing the stigma around mental health. Before my current role, I faced challenges to find the right role due to my PTSD. These experiences have taught me resilience and strengthened my commitment to using my knowledge and experience to contribute effectively during high-pressure situations.

I believe it is important to meet people where they are, build on their strengths, and gently support them in areas where they want to grow, something we all experience, and I know I still have much to develop myself.

I am continually grateful for a journey that has provided me with a deeper sense of purpose in pursuing formal risk management. I am motivated by the hope that thoughtful risk controls and mitigation can help prevent challenges for others, so fewer people must face unnecessary hardships. ♦

Interview by Justin Smulison, RIMS business content manager. To learn more about the RIMS-CRMP certification, visit www.rims.org/certification.

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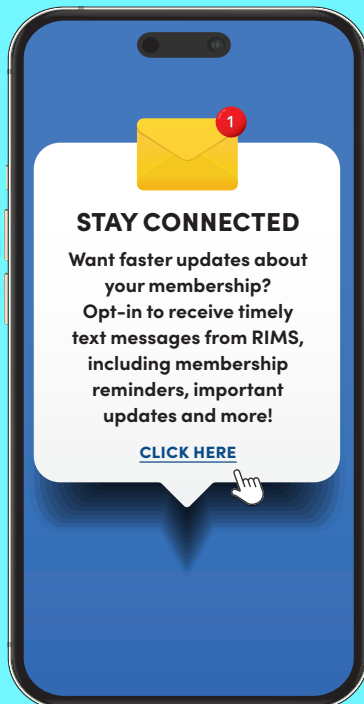
CONFERENCES :::

October 18-21

RIMS Canada Conference 2026
Quebec City, QC

November 19-20

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Columbus, OH



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WORKSHOPS :::

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