Here at the RIMS Canada Conference for your first time? We’re thrilled that you decided to join us! Here are some tips from veteran delegates to help orient you to the conference and make sure you don’t miss any of the highlights. This is a great opportunity to meet your colleagues, learn from the best in the business and take away the newest ideas and tools – make sure you make the most of it! Here is a quick list of the “must attend” events of this conference:

Sunday Evening Welcome Reception: This is the kick-off of the conference. You can meet people who have just arrived or talk to those who came in early to attend pre-conference events. If you have a supplier’s dinner to attend, this is the place to leave from. If you don’t, this is the place to improvise one.

Exhibit Hall: All day Sunday and Monday and Tuesday morning: The place to go to meet our Industry Partners, pick up a coffee and a few souvenirs and maybe win some prizes. Don’t forget your business cards and make sure to stop by the RIMS Canada Council/RIMS booth to tell us how your conference was. Have an amazing time, and we look forward to seeing you here this year, and back next year as a veteran!

Welcome to the 2014 RIMS Canada Conference CROSSROADS: Changing Landscapes September 14-17, 2014

Welcome to Winnipeg, a city rich in history, culture and commerce. It all began as a trading post at the crossroads of intersecting rivers, the Red and the Assiniboine. These rivers served as trade routes for Aboriginal peoples and developed into an area where fur trading companies competed fiercely, where early settlers helped start Western Canadian agriculture, and where the connecting railway to Eastern Canada brought seemingly endless growth.

Take the time to experience the city’s history firsthand and explore The Forks, a meeting place for over 6,000 years. Continue on a stroll across the Esplanade Riel pedestrian bridge to visit St. Boniface, Winnipeg’s vibrant French Quarter, and enjoy some local “joie de vivre”. Other noteworthy Winnipeg sites include the Winnipeg Art Gallery and the Assiniboine Park’s new Journey to Churchill polar bear exhibit. For your convenience you’ll find a Tourism Winnipeg booth located beside Registration for the duration of the conference.

The CROSSROADS 2014 program is built upon this theme of history, exploration, new ventures and entrepreneurs. Our plenary speakers will explore business successes and discuss the fierce competition of today’s markets. They will delve into criminal behaviour, gaze over the prairie horizon to see the future and show you how to improve your brain power. With 30 concurrent sessions, there is something for everyone attending CROSSROADS 2014. Welcome to Winnipeg!
Winnipeg’s Fun Facts
- Winnipeg produces over 25,000 restaurants.
- The word Winnipeg means “muddy water” in Cree and the Assiniboine rivers—The Forks.
- The Winnipeg Art Gallery has prints, drawings and textiles.
- The museum, which is the first national museum to be established outside of Ottawa, will begin attracting visitors from around the globe when it officially opens its doors on September 20, 2014.
- The R.C.C. and its sub-committees.
- Check out our website at www.rimscanada.ca.
- Every one of the 10 Canadian chapters is represented and has a voice on the R.C.C. Participation in your chapter is so important to all of us.
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MESSAGE FROM RIMS CANADA COUNCIL CHAIR ROMAN PARZEI

On behalf of the RIMS Canada Council (RCC) it is my pleasure to welcome you to “Crossroads - Changing Landscapes”, the 40th annual RIMS Canada Conference.

Here we are in the beautiful city of Winnipeg, the capital city of Manitoba, a resource-rich province with diverse culture and a flourishing arts scene. I would like to thank the Manitoba RIMS Chapter Local Organizing Committee, led by Bev Durham and Valerie Barbie, for putting together what I know will be a great conference.

The RIMS Canada Conference delivers on one of RCC’s key goals: “be the go-to resource for professional development of risk management practitioners.”

RIMS Canada Conference is the second largest annual risk management conference in the world. The RIMS Canada Conference is where the Canadian risk management community gathers every year for the best in risk management education and networking. You will gain knowledge that will help your organization’s risk management programs, renew old acquaintances and make new ones that will help you in your risk management career and learn about new products and services from our industry partner community.

For the first time, we at RCC are excited to be co-hosting, along with our sponsors, the Crossroads 2014 Welcome Reception on Sunday at the world class Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The museum, which is the first national museum to be established outside of Ottawa, will begin attracting visitors from around the globe when it officially opens its doors on September 20, 2014.

The RCC continues to be an important standing committee of the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS), and we remain steadfast in strengthening our commitment to the needs of you, our Canadian members.

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A special thank you once again to our valuable industry partners. Please take the time to drop by each of their booths for valuable information and to receive opportunities for prize draw entries.

Enjoy your conference experience with all that it has to offer!