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Digital Manufacturing Showcase 2017
Call for Papers

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Carrabassett Valley, Maine – IMI is pleased to announce its **Digital Manufacturing Showcase 2017** programs being held at The Florida Hotel & Conference Center in Orlando, Florida.

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Digital Manufacturing 2017 Conference
The Future of Manufacturing
September 7-8, 2017
Emerging Technologies Academy
Advanced Manufacturing Course Topics TBA
September 6, 2017

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Preliminary program details, downloadable flyer and on-line registration   are available on IMI's web site **www.imiconf.com**.

IMI is actively working to complete the final speaker selections by June 19th. Proposed presentation titles and outlines (or suggestions for specific topics and/or speakers) should be submitted as soon as possible via email al@imiconf.com or by phone (+1-207-235-2225).

IMI President Al Keene says, "We are truly in the Digital Age and digital manufacturing is experiencing tremendous interest, growth, and rapid expansion into new markets, applications, and production environments. IMI's **Digital Manufacturing 2017 Conference** will explore Digital Manufacturing's potential and challenges as it enters a new era. This transition and continued expansion of digital manufacturing can provide needed stimulation in manufacturing industries and may provide unparalleled business opportunities for manufacturing in our increasingly digital world."

What is Digital Manufacturing? Digital Manufacturing (for purposes of this program) is a collective term that encompasses numerous technologies utilized to produce products from digital files. Examples of terms which we define as being various forms of digital manufacturing include 3D Printing, Additive Manufacturing, Rapid Prototyping, Rapid Manufacturing, Personal Manufacturing and Layered Manufacturing among others – all of which manufacture end products from a digital file using computer controlled devices

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in a primarily additive process – rather than subtractive processes typically utilized in traditional manufacturing (milling, machining, etc.).

Technologies currently being utilized for digital manufacturing include stereolithography, ink jet printing/deposition, selective laser sintering, fused deposition modeling, aerosol jet deposition, solid ground curing, laser engineered net shaping and ultrasonic consolidation among numerous others.

But Digital Manufacturing has many important aspects other than the "output technology," such as design software, high powered computer capabilities, data capture throughout the product life cycle, data and materials handling systems and much more.

Why is Digital Manufacturing Important to You? Digital Manufacturing is being utilized in numerous industries including aerospace, automotive, biomedical (dentistry, prosthetics, tissue, etc.), composites, construction, consumer goods, energy, jewelry, machine tool, military/defense and many others. Manufacturers cite advantages and benefits such as the following for their implementation of Digital Manufacturing technologies:

- Precision Individualized Products
- Minimal Inventory Costs (Space, Overhead & Product Costs)
- Materials Conservation (No or Minimal Machining/Finishing Waste)
- Increased Design Flexibility
- On-Demand Production
- Time Savings (Design, Prototyping & Production)
- Production of Products Not Conventionally Manufacturable (Complex Shapes, Internal Voids, Layered Structures, etc.)
- Centralized Design & Remote or Distributed Manufacturing
- & More!

Digital design and manufacturing provides the ability to connect different parts of the manufacturing life-cycle through data and to utilize that information to make smarter, more efficient business decisions. Just as digital technologies have reconstituted the entertainment, communications and financial sectors; digital technologies are now in the process of transforming the way parts, components and complete systems are being designed and manufactured. **Digital Manufacturing will revolutionize the American manufacturing industries and is truly the Future of Manufacturing.**

IMI's Digital Manufacturing 2017 Conference will explore current digital manufacturing technologies, ancillary manufacturing infrastructure requirements, application opportunities, challenges, needed improvements to enhance implementation, economics and other factors essential to the growth and expansion of Digital Manufacturing.

IMI's **Emerging Technologies Academy** **– Advanced Manufacturing** goal is to show manufacturing companies, state and regional government development agencies, colleges & universities, manufacturing organizations and others the potential of advanced manufacturing technologies and to introduce available resources so that manufacturing industries can successfully innovate for their future success.

Advanced Manufacturing Technologies will be a valuable contributor to the manufacturing industries' growth **by utilizing available and developing technologies to efficiently (in terms of cost, time & materials) manufacture products. We need to work not only hard, but smart, to realize the potential benefits offered by advanced manufacturing technologies.**

IMI's **Emerging Technologies Academy** **– Advanced Manufacturing** will offer six 1 day courses on technologies that can be implemented and utilized to assist YOU in taking advantage of these tools to expand your product line, increase production efficiency, better manage production costs – **essentially to increase your business and profits!**

These courses provide a unique opportunity for attendees who are new to ink jet and exploring this disruptive technology for new products and processes, as well as already active product manufacturers or users seeking an update their knowledge and explore new opportunities. **All courses will provide information and insights simply not generally available in public forums**."

IMI's **Emerging Technologies Academy - Advanced Manufacturing** courses precede the only annual U.S. event devoted to an assessment of digital manufacturing's status and opportunities, IMI's **Digital Manufacturing 2017 Conference's**, to provide critical insights into the rapid growth pattern of digital manufacturing – The Future of Manufacturing."

Conference registrants can also participate in IMI's unique **Suppliers' Forum** sessions and give a 5-minute presentation covering their technology, products, services, requirements, etc. as well as having a **complimentary display** in the showcase display area. Contact Al Keene at IMI al@imiconf.com for additional information regarding these opportunities. All course attendees can also have complimentary display space during the courses.

About Information Management Institute, Inc.
Information Management Institute, Inc. (IMI) sponsors conferences world-wide to assist in understanding technology developments, markets and applications requirements. IMI conferences offer attendees a unique opportunity for leading hardware, technology development, consumables, software and user companies to network and develop a more comprehensive understanding of current as well as future developments impacting successful product implementations, market entry/expansion and technology utilization. Since 1990, IMI has held over 500 programs attended by well over 25,000 technical, marketing and management personnel from companies around the world.

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