

Keynote speaker
Christopher Gardner



More than 200 attendees participated in RIMS Community Service Day, renovating and beautifying San Diego's King Chavez Academy school grounds.

RIMS 2008 annual conference & exhibition san diego dreamin'

If you weren't at RIMS 2008 Annual Conference & Exhibition in San Diego, you missed quite an experience. There were nearly 10,000 attendees, 140+ educational sessions, 440 exhibitors, Christopher Gardner (the inspirational author of *The Pursuit of Happiness*) and Gert Cruywagen (author of *Jungle Risk Management—Risk Lessons from the African Bush*) offering moving and amusing keynote presentations and entertainment such as Cirque Dreams and The Coasters, allowing participants to sing along to old favorites including "Charlie Brown" and "Poison Ivy."

Each year, RIMS Conference Programming Committee partnering with Meeting & Events staff, exceeds expectations, bringing members (and non-members) the latest and greatest in professional development, networking, new products and services, and social events. Visit www.RIMS.org/RIMS2009 and start planning your trip—this time to Orlando—for RIMS 2009 in April!



San Diego welcomes RIMS



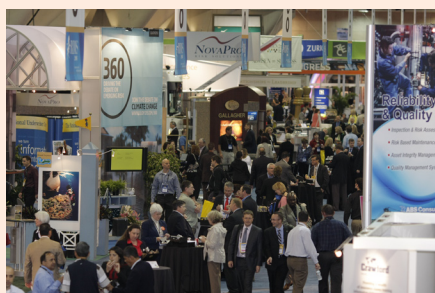
"Cirque Dreams"
entertainment event



RIMS booth in the Exhibit Hall



Attendees enjoy a session



RIMS Exhibition draws huge crowds!



Networking at RIMS opening reception—a good time for all!

welcome to RIMS membership! This is the first of four quarterly newsletters that you, as a new RIMS member, can look forward to receiving over the coming months. We want all of our members, but particularly our new members, to be aware of the products, services, programs and benefits that RIMS offers. This issue will focus on our online and staff resources.

But the most important question to ask you is "how are we doing?" Are you receiving your copy of *Risk Management* magazine monthly? Have you had a chance to enter your demographics so that we can gear our communications to you? (If not, please visit MyRIMS at www.RIMS.org and complete the "My Demographics" questionnaire.) Have you been contacted by a member of your local chapter? Have you attended a chapter meeting? Have you browsed the website and signed up for online networking in one or more of the 40+ E-Groups?

One of our most popular events, RIMS Annual Conference and Exhibition, took place recently in San Diego. Were you able to attend? More than 9,700 risk management professionals joined us for this four-day event that included more than 140 educational sessions, keynote presentations by Christopher Gardner (author of *The Pursuit of Happiness*), author Gert Cruywagen and Lauralee Martin, CFO/COO of Jones Lang LaSalle, on risk management from the perspective of the C-suite, and more than 430 exhibitors. Start planning now to attend RIMS 2009 in Orlando, Florida, on April 19-23!

If we can help you take advantage of the many benefits of being a RIMS member, please contact our Member Services team at membership@RIMS.org for assistance or suggestions. Remember, we work for you so don't hesitate to contact us with questions, problems and, most importantly, suggestions on how we can serve you better.

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ENTERPRISE RISK management

One of the hottest RM topics is ERM—and RIMS is setting the pace by developing resources for you to stay on the cutting edge of industry information. Check out some of the resources that RIMS has in store for you!

ERM Center of Excellence

The online center is a source for news, tools and peer-to-peer networking on all topics connected to enterprise risk management. Whether you are initiating an ERM program within your organization, in the implementation phase or streamlining processes, you will gain access to information and touch base with practitioners that will help you evolve your ERM program. www.RIMS.org/ERM

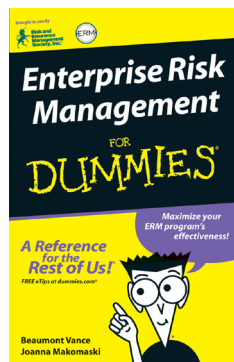


RIMS Risk Maturity Model for Enterprise Risk Management

RIMS has designed a tool to help you evaluate your risk management program and take it to the next level. RIMS Risk Maturity Model for Enterprise Risk Management is an online resource that provides guidelines and best practices for developing and maintaining effective risk programs. Take your risk maturity assessment today at www.RIMS.org/RMM.

ERM for Dummies Guide

Enterprise Risk Management for Dummies offers a valuable start-up guide for ERM first timers. You get easy-to-understand ERM terms and helpful instruction along with tools on how to get started developing your ERM program today. Members get a free copy. Order more online in the RIMSTORE along with other books and merchandise at www.RIMS.org.



TEAMING UP TO SUPPORT YOU!

You aren't the only one who's new to RIMS—two-thirds of our Membership and Chapter Services department has joined RIMS within the past six months! But even though we're still a little wet behind the ears, we are completely committed to serving RIMS members.

We know that the value members find in the Society directly correlates to how involved they become and how many of our services they utilize. And we can be your guides—but we only know what you want and need if you tell us!



Cindy, Bob, Darlene, Wendy, Jill and Shavonne (inset)

Heading the team is Jill Levy, who came to RIMS with 20+ years of experience (she won't admit to exactly how many!) in membership and chapter services work at various associations in the NJ, NY and DC areas. We have two new managers—Bob Tuscanes in Member Services and Cindy Tiritilli in Chapter Services—and if they don't know the answer to your questions, you can be sure they'll find someone who does. Want to talk with the person who processed your member application? It's Shavonne Howlett, member services associate.

Thank goodness for Wendy Gargiulo (member services) and Darlene Lebron (chapter services) who provide some continuity! These RIMS veterans have spent much of the past few months bringing the rest of the team up to speed. For direct phone numbers or to e-mail them, visit **About RIMS/Staff** on the RIMS website.

FALL events

You may have missed RIMS 2008 Annual Conference & Exhibition in San Diego, but that doesn't mean you've missed the opportunity for networking, educational sessions and even exhibits. There are lots of events coming up this fall and some of them may be in your neck of the woods—check out details online for:

RIMS Florida Educational Conference, July 29–August 2, Naples, FL—florida.RIMS.org

RIMS Western Regional Conference, September 2–5, San Francisco, CA—wrc.RIMS.org

RIMS 29th Southeastern Educational Conference, September 10–12, Hilton Head, SC—carolinas.RIMS.org

RIMS Canada Conference 2008, September 21–24, Toronto, ON—www.RIMSCanada.ca

Risk and Employee Benefits Conference and Exhibition, October 23–24, Wheeling, IL—www.RIMSconference2008.com

Can't get away from the office? Well, we've got good news for you—RIMS will host its first Virtual Conference in November and you'll be able to "attend" without ever leaving your desk. Watch out for more information to come later this summer!

FALL 2008 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RIMS always has a lot to offer in the way of professional development, and this fall we are bringing classes to you all over North America! The following major cities are just a few locations where you can attend courses: Seattle, Dallas, Toronto, New York, Boston, Chicago, Montreal, Phoenix, Winnipeg and Las Vegas. Courses include: ERM, Workers Compensation Management, Global RM Fundamentals, Business Continuity, Disaster Planning and many more!

For a full list of courses and locations, go to www.RIMS.org/Education and start your life-long learning today! Also, visit the site to find out about our webinars, in-company training program and enroll in the RIMS Fellow® (RF) designation.

WHO PUTS TOGETHER RM MAGAZINE?

Risk Management magazine (RM) is always ranked among the top three member benefits that RIMS has to offer. Your subscription will be starting soon (if it hasn't already) but did you know that you can access the complete publication anytime at www.RMmagazine.com? The magazine is designed, written and edited in-house by RIMS staff—and here's who they are:

Bill Coffin is Publisher and Editorial Director. Bill's tenure over the past six years has seen a major shift in the magazine from a "journal with pictures" to a highly readable industry magazine. But Bill didn't start out as an association publisher—at age twelve, Bill spent a summer at circus camp, learning to be a fire-eater and since then he's come a long way!

Risk Management editor-in-chief, Morgan O'Rourke, is the gate-keeper for this widely-read publication and he's always looking for contributors, so if you'd like to see your name in a by-line, contact Morgan with your ideas! Morgan's right-hand-man is editor Jared Wade. In addition to his editing responsibilities, Jared is pursuing a master's degree in international relations at City College of New York (CUNY). And who came up with that gorgeous new format and magazine logo introduced this April? It was RIMS own talented senior designer, Karen Arbasetti. New to the RM crew is associate editor Pearl Gabel.

Risk Management is more than just a magazine, it's a business. And who handles that business? None other than the fellow who holds the record for years worked at RM, Ted Donovan, our senior advertising manager. Believe it or not, Ted's been at RIMS for 27 years! Working with him and handling website advertising is Lynn Lancaster. On Lynn's first day, just over two years ago, she found herself flying down to RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition in New Orleans. And last but not least is circulation manager Callie Nelson.

RIMS ONLINE RE-LAUNCHES! INTERVIEW WITH CIO, ANDY STEGGLES

What inspired RIMS to re-launch its website?

Gone are the days when you could launch a website and expect it to last for 5 years. RIMS prides itself on staying ahead of the curve in its technology offering for members. To remain competitive, we need to plan for and initiate a re-launch approximately every 2 years with a fresh look and feel that accurately reflects our mission and ever-changing business environment.



What's different about the new website?

RIMS has migrated from its former technology platform to a more robust Microsoft Office SharePoint Server (MOSS) platform. This has set us up to accommodate our expected growth and member engagement over the years to come. The system is also faster and more flexible. Over the next couple of months, members will be able to see first-hand some of the new features that the MOSS platform will allow us to deliver, including a social network, the next generation of E-groups and an upgrade of the Resource Library.

Who designed and built the new website?

The design of the new site was driven by Inna Getselis, RIMS Director of Marketing and Communications. RIMS I.T. group built the site in conjunction with our technology vendors.

Technologically, what do we have to look forward to in the immediate future on RIMS online?

Our current member directory will shortly be replaced by a social network that offers lots of new facilities for online networking and informal groups. But for me the most exciting thing is the integration of Virtual RIMS, a 3D virtual world where members will interact more freely starting this November with RIMS first-ever virtual conference!

Will anything change in terms of Professional Development?

We hope to produce more webcasts and podcasts as well as host events in our virtual world. We expect that this will facilitate education and networking. We have already piloted this new technology and so far we're extremely pleased with the results.

Stay tuned to RIMS online at www.RIMS.org for updates!



WHAT'S ONLINE FOR RIMS MEMBERS

Many of RIMS online tools are available to the public, but we have some special areas that are member-only or for members at a deep discount. We know that risk managers need different online services, so while not all of these programs may appeal to you today, many will in the future ...

CAREER CENTER

(www.RIMS.org/careercenter)

RIMS Career Center offers members the chance to post open positions and reach a truly targeted group of industry professionals seeking new opportunities. As a member, you'll save \$65 on each 60-day listing and have full resume search capabilities. If you want to search posted positions, you enjoy full access to the job bank and can post your resume at no cost. Want some help with your search? Visit the Recruiter page for access to the leading executive search firms in the RM arena.

And what's in it for your HR group? A 50% discount on resume search capabilities, generic job descriptions for risk managers at all levels, 25%

discount on career counseling and a chance to purchase the RIMS Compensation Survey (in 2009, if you contribute data to the Survey, you'll receive a copy of the results free!).

MEMBER DIRECTORY

(www.RIMS.org/directory)

Our online directory, available *only* to current members, allows you to search for peers worldwide. For specific searches, filter by state and SIC code and you'll have a targeted "short list" of professionals with which to network. Planning on visiting Toronto and want to meet with risk managers at a particular company or chapter? Easily done. Can't find a fellow member's name? Simply search by company name!

E-GROUPS

(www.RIMS.org/egroups)

RIMS has 45 E-Groups on our website, 43 of which are only available to RIMS members. Do you find it hard to get away from your desk during the day but want to share information, ask questions and network with fellow risk managers in your area of expertise/

interest? That's just what E-Groups are for! You can post (anonymously, if you choose) a question or suggestion to a group that focuses on specific industries (such as construction, healthcare, manufacturing) or interests (such as enterprise risk management, workers comp, litigation management). Sign up today and start networking!

ERM CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

(www.RIMS.org/ERM)

We all know that Enterprise Risk Management is taking this profession by storm and RIMS is here to help! Whether you are initiating an ERM program within your organization, in the implementation phase or streamlining processes, RIMS website provides access to information (papers, articles, tools, resource library) as well as networking capabilities that will help you gain perspective on your ERM program. And the Risk Maturity Model will help you define just where your company stands on ERM implementation—all available to you as a RIMS member.

AND MORE!

These are just a few of the resources that www.RIMS.org places at your fingertips. Access RiskWire (daily news headlines), research suppliers in the Buyer's Guide, purchase publications, golf accessories and RIMSwear in the online RIMStore, search and update the RiskWiki glossary, register for professional development courses—all this and more. Take a few minutes and check out what we have for you at www.RIMS.org.



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Many of your questions may be answered by a visit to our website (www.RIMS.org), but if you can't find the answers there—RIMS staff is always excited to hear from our members! See key RIMS contacts below.

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