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November 2-5, 2026 | Arlington, Va

Emergence 2026: Where innovation sparks discovery.

Emergence 2026 is the fusion of two groundbreaking conferences into one transformative experience. Merging the [ASI iINNOVATIONS Conference](#) and the [iUG Annual Conference](#) will facilitate a space where collaboration sparks innovation and new possibilities take shape. Emergence is more than a conference. It's a catalyst for growth. Join us as we redefine what is possible with iMIS®, explore new strategies to empower your mission, and accelerate your organization's path into the future.

Join us for iMIS certification bootcamps and workshops, 40+ breakout sessions, speed networking, and an evening networking event, providing attendees with multiple opportunities to advance their expertise and connect with peers.

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Training Workshops Optional

November 2 and 5

Users Conference

November 3 to 4

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Expand Your iMIS Expertise

Register for two full days of training on Monday, November 2nd, and Thursday, November 5th, to bookend our Emergence Conference. Choose from multiple full-day bootcamps or AM and PM training options. Mix-and-match to fit your educational needs.

Full-Day Bootcamps

Certified iMIS Administrator Intensive
Certified iMIS Professional Workshop
Certified iMIS User Bootcamp
Power Users: Advanced Features and Learning for iMIS

Half-Day Training Options

Certified iMIS User Intensive
Hands-On with iMIS Communications: Build, Test & Automate Like a Pro
Hands-On with IQA: Build Smarter Queries & Business Objects
iMIS Report Writer: Create, Customize & Deliver Reports That Work
IQA Best Practices & Engagement Scoring Workshop
No SQL? No Problem. Take Control of Your iMIS Data with iDMS
Understanding iMIS Dues & Billing
Understanding the Events Module

Register online at imisemergence.com/training

Training days are \$350 a day with limited spaces available. If you register for both training days and the Emergence Conference, you can save \$100.* Please email for more information at events@imisemergence.com.

**\$100 off cannot be combined with other offers, this includes the 10% iUG membership discount.*

At-a-Glance Agenda

(subject to change)

Monday, November 2

Optional Hands-On Training Day

Time	Session	Location
8:00 to 4:30	Badge Pick-Up & Check-In	Ballroom Foyer
9:00 to 4:00	Certified iMIS User Bootcamp	Salons D-E
9:00 to 4:00	Power Users: Advanced Features and Learning for iMIS	Salons F-G
9:00 to 12:00	iMIS Report Writer: Create, Customize & Deliver Reports that Work	Rosslyn
9:00 to 12:00	Hands-On with IQA: Build Smarter Queries & Business Objects	Pentagon
12:00 to 1:00	Networking Lunch	Salons BCHJ
1:00 to 4:00	No SQL? No Problem. Take Control of Your iMIS Data with iDMS	Rosslyn
1:00 to 4:00	Hands-On with iMIS Communications: Build, Test & Automate Like a Pro	Pentagon

Tuesday, November 3

Day 1 of Users Conference

Location	Session	Location
8:00 to 4:30	Badge Pick-Up & Check-In	Ballroom Foyer
9:00 to 10:00	Kick-Off General Session	Salons BCHJ
10:00 to 10:10	Break	Skyview
10:10 to 11:00	The Power of Smart Forms: Better Data, Better Experiences	Salon A
10:10 to 11:00	Introduction to iDMS	Salons D-E
10:10 to 11:00	Quick System Review	Salons F-G
10:10 to 11:00	From Joining to Belonging: Building Automated Member Journeys in iMIS	Salon K
10:10 to 11:00	Visionary Sponsor: Higher Logic	Pentagon
11:00 to 11:10	Break	Skyview
11:10 to 12:00	Event Pricing Strategies: Promo Codes, Discounts & Real-World Event Pricing Scenarios	Salon A
11:10 to 12:00	Beyond the Basics: How Real Organizations Are Using iDMS to Automate	Salons D-E
11:10 to 12:00	iMIS IQA: Best Practices Workshop	Salons F-G
11:10 to 12:00	From Reactive to Predictive: Using Engagement Scoring to Anticipate Member Behavior	Salon K

11:10 to 12:00	Visionary Sponsor: Intuitive Business Concepts	Pentagon
12:00 to 1:00	Networking Lunch	Salons BCHJ
1:00 to 1:50	I've Upgraded to iMIS EMS, Now What? A Roadmap for Getting Full Value After the Big Lift	Salon A
1:00 to 1:50	IQA Black Belt: Advanced Joins, Logic & Dynamic Filters	Salons D-E
1:00 to 1:50	Getting Started with Data Governance / The Hidden Cost of Bad Data: Practical Data Governance for iMIS	Salons F-G
1:00 to 1:50	Beyond the Dashboard: Building Data Stories for your Leadership	Salon K
1:00 to 1:50	BSI:Enriched and Engaged: Understanding Your Membership Better with Datascout AI	Pentagon
1:50 to 2:00	Break	Skyview
2:00 to 3:20	Speed Networking	Salons BCHJ
3:20 to 3:30	Break	Skyview
3:30 to 4:20	Certifications & Credentialing Through iMIS & TopClass	Salon A
3:30 to 4:20	Beyond Permissions: Building a Secure and Productive iMIS Environment	Salons D-E
3:30 to 4:20	Following the Money: Orders, Payments, Reversals & Reconciliation	Salons F-G
3:30 to 4:20	Data Whisperer: Turning IQAs into Organizational Intelligence	Salon K
3:30 to 4:20	The Integration Ecosystem: Connecting iMIS to the Tools You Already Use	Pentagon
4:20 to 4:30	Break	Skyview
4:30 to 5:30	iMIS App Challenge Contest	Salons BCHJ
6:00 to 8:30	Welcome Evening Event	TBD

Wednesday, November 4

Day 2 of Users Conference

Time	Session	Location
8:00 to 4:30	Badge Pick-Up & Check-In	Skyview
9:00 to 10:00	General Session	Salons BCHJ
10:00 to 10:15	Break	Skyview
10:15 to 11:05	Crafting Clear and Effective Communication Templates in iMIS	Salon A
10:15 to 11:05	Simplifying Your Life with AI: Practical Tips, Tricks & Time-Saving Hacks	Salons D-E
10:15 to 11:05	Modernize Your Committees: Committee Management & Committee Pages	Salons F-G
10:15 to 11:05	The Modern Membership Org, Live: The Biggest Membership Lessons of 2026	Salon K
10:15 to 11:05	Visionary Sponsor: ASI- TopClass, OpenWater and Clowder	Pentagon
11:05 to 11:15	Break	Skyview
11:15 to 12:05	Does your Member Self-Service Need a Facelift?	Salon A

11:15 to 12:05	Dues and Don'ts: Mastering Membership Billing in iMIS	Salons D-E
11:15 to 12:05	iMIS EMS Health Check: Strategies for Continuous Improvement and Growth	Salons F-G
11:15 to 12:05	The Membership Renewal Makeover	Salon K
11:15 to 12:05	iMIS Fusion- Fuse Your Data	Pentagon
12:05 to 1:30	Networking Lunch	Salons BCHJ
1:30 to 2:20	Modern Reporting in iMIS - Using the Report Writer	Salon A
1:30 to 2:20	Security 2026: Protecting Your Mission, Your Members, and Your Data	Salons D-E
1:30 to 2:20	Future-Proofing Your Team: Building an iMIS Learning Culture	Salons F-G
1:30 to 2:20	From Fragmented to Frictionless : How ISSCR Reimagined the Member Experience and Staff Productivity with iMIS and Third-Party Tools	Salon K
1:30 to 2:20	Visionary Sponsor: iFinity	Pentagon
2:20 to 2:30	Break	Skyview
2:30 to 3:20	AI & iMIS: Practical Use Cases That Actually Save Time	Salon A
2:30 to 3:20	The Automation Advantage: Doing More with Less	Salons D-E
2:30 to 3:20	iMIS Reporting Workshop	Salons F-G
2:30 to 3:20	What High-Performing iMIS Organizations Do Differently — And How to Unlock More Value	Salon K
2:30 to 3:20	Visionary Sponsor: Data Impact Solutions	Pentagon
3:20 to 3:30	Break	Skyview
3:30 to 4:30	Closing Session	Salons BCHJ
4:30 to 5:30	Closing Networking Reception	Ballroom Foyer and Skyview

Thursday, November 5

Optional Hands-On Training Day

Time	Session	Location
8:00 to 4:30	Badge Pick-Up & Check-In	Ballroom Foyer
9:00 to 4:00	Certified iMIS Administrator Intensive	Salon A
9:00 to 4:00	Certified iMIS Professional Workshop	Salons D_E
9:00 to 12:00	Understanding the Events Module	Salon F-G
9:00 to 12:00	Certified iMIS User Intensive	Salons FK
12:00 to 1:00	Networking Lunch	TBD
1:00 to 4:00	Understanding iMIS Dues & Billing	Salon F-G
1:00 to 4:00	IQA Best Practices & Engagement Scoring Workshop	Salons FK

Explore Hands-On Training Sessions

Certified iMIS Administrator Intensive | Thursday, Nov. 5 | 9:00am to 4:00pm

Trainer(s):

The CiA Intensive Bootcamp is a one-day, instructor-led training program designed to extend your iMIS knowledge and skills. Building on prior experience, participants will gain hands-on experience using their own iMIS sandbox and activity workbook.

This course is ideal for system administrators or experienced users looking to deepen their expertise and progress toward becoming a Certified iMIS Administrator.

**Please see [details on requirements and qualifications](#) for this CiA designation.*

Certified iMIS Professional Workshop | Thursday, Nov. 5 | 9:00am to 4:00pm

Trainer(s):

The CiP Kickstart Bootcamp is designed for iMIS users that implement, configure and work with iMIS related projects. is a 1-day training program designed to prepare you for iMIS implementation, configuration and project management.

Learn from ASI Client Success on best practices for iMIS implementations.

**Please see [details on requirements and qualifications](#) to see if/when you qualify.*

Certified iMIS User Bootcamp | Monday, Nov. 2 | 9:00am to 4:00pm

Trainer(s): Angelia Moore (AKS Solutions) and Ellen Turner (Busting Silver)

The Certified iMIS User Bootcamp is designed for end users of iMIS that wish to have a well-rounded understanding of iMIS functionality and be able to support their teams and other departments with their iMIS Usage.

This course is a short introduction to the program, how to work with Certifications in the Learning Hub, and how to complete the program.

**Please see [details on requirements and qualifications](#) for the CiU certification.*

Certified iMIS Use Intensive | Thursday, Nov. 2 | 9:00am to 12:00pm

Trainer(s):

The CiU Intensive Bootcamp is a half-day, instructor-led training program designed to kickstart your iMIS learning journey. Participants gain hands-on experience using their own iMIS sandbox alongside an activity workbook, building practical skills in a supported environment.

The course is ideal for new users, those upgrading to iMIS EMS, or anyone needing a refresher, and contributes toward becoming a Certified iMIS User.

**Please see details on [requirements and qualifications](#) for the CiU designation.*

Hands-On with iMIS Communications: Build, Test & Automate Like a Pro | Monday, Nov. 2 | 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Trainer(s):

iMIS Communications is a powerful tool for reaching your members — when used correctly. In this hands-on session, you'll learn how to build and test templates, manage recipient queries, attach reports, and schedule automated sends with confidence.

We'll also break down key concepts like recipient vs. party and share time-saving tools, including how AI can help you create better content faster. Walk away ready to streamline your communications and send with confidence every time.

Hands-On with IQA: Build Smarter Queries & Business Objects | Monday, Nov. 2 | 9:00am to 12:00pm

Trainer(s):

Intelligent Query Architect (IQA) is the foundation of reporting, automation, and communications in iMIS — and mastering it unlocks the full power of your data. In this hands-on session, you'll learn how to build effective queries using common joins, create reusable Business Objects to support multiple IQAs, and enhance your results with features like displaying images and using the distinct multi-select Business Object.

Whether you're looking to improve reporting, streamline processes, or better understand how your data connects, this session will give you practical skills you can apply immediately.

iMIS Report Writer: Create, Customize & Deliver Reports that Work | Monday, Nov. 2 | 9:00am to 12:00pm

Trainer(s):

Take your iMIS reporting to the next level in this hands-on session designed to help you create and customize reports with confidence.

You'll learn how to build new reports from scratch, modify existing ones, and enhance your outputs with features like barcodes and dynamic formatting. We'll also walk through how to import a PDF to create polished reports such as membership cards and certificates. Whether you're creating simple reports or more advanced deliverables, you'll leave with practical skills you can put to use right away.

IQA Best Practices & Engagement Scoring Workshop | Thursday, Nov. 5 | 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Trainer(s):

This half-day workshop is designed to build practical skills in creating and applying Intelligent Query Architectures (IQAs) for the purpose of developing an engagement measuring system.

Participants will work hands-on with real queries relevant to their organization, learning how to map requirements, define expected outcomes, and implement solutions for real-time reporting on engagement in iMIS.

No SQL? No Problem. Take Control of Your iMIS Data with iDMS | Monday, Nov. 2 | 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Trainer(s):

Clean data doesn't happen by accident—and it doesn't have to be manual. In this session, discover how iMIS and the iMIS Data Management Suite (iDMS) work together to help you maintain accurate, consistent, and reliable data without the headaches.

Learn how to automate cleanup, eliminate bad data, and manage large updates with confidence, all while improving how your team reports, tracks, and uses information. If you want a healthier database and fewer data headaches, this session is for you.

Power Users: Advanced Features and Learning for iMIS | Monday, Nov. 2 | 9:00am to 4:00pm

Trainer(s):

This hands-on session dives into advanced iMIS capabilities that can transform how you manage events, membership, and pricing. You'll explore advanced event setup, special pricing strategies, and how to use the Expression Builder to create dynamic pricing rules.

We'll also cover webhooks in iDMS, form optimization, and how AI can be used to generate content and streamline your workflows. Walk away with practical techniques to work smarter, automate more, and unlock the full potential of iMIS. If you are a long time user fluent in most things iMIS, let us show you the outside of the usual areas of training.

Understanding the Events Module | Thursday, Nov. 5 | 9:00am to 12:00pm

Trainer(s):

This course follows the lifecycle of an event -from entering an event to registrations and waitlist handling, through billing adjustments and pricing logic, to communication delivery and function planning, and ending with the key reports that support event reconciliation.

Understanding iMIS Dues & Billing | Thursday, Nov. 5 | 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Trainer(s):

Get a comprehensive, hands-on look at managing billing and dues in iMIS in this half-day workshop. Designed for both new implementations and those looking to refine existing setups, this session covers default configuration settings, managing subscription and billing items, and running billing and renewals in iMIS EMS.

You'll explore special pricing options, renewal configurations, billing cycles, and accrual-based billing. Walk away with practical knowledge to confidently manage and optimize your organization's dues and billing processes.

Explore Conference Sessions

Plenary Sessions

Kick-Off General Session | 9:00am to 10:00am

Presenter(s): Michele Morgan (iUG), Kristina Drosos (ASI) and Andy Weaver (DAR)

Emcees: Riley Miller (Bursting Silver) and Doug Morris (ASI)

Join us as we officially kick off the 2026 Emergence Conference and celebrate the coming together of our communities for one unified conference experience. We'll recognize this year's ASI Great Things Award (GTA) recipients alongside the iUG Community Impact Award and the iUG visionary award, honoring organizations and individuals making an outstanding impact across the iMIS community.

Speed Networking with Exhibitors and Great Things Award Winners | 2:00pm to 3:20pm

Hosted by Visionary and Catalyst Sponsors

Grab a beverage, find a table, and get ready for a fast-paced networking experience! Connect with fellow iMIS users while hearing quick, high-impact elevator pitches from our top exhibitors or join discussions led by our GTA winners to learn what contributed to their success. Rotate through engaging conversations, discover new ideas, and collect stamps on your visitor card as you go. Complete your card for a chance to win exciting prizes valued between **\$200 and \$800**.

iMIS App Challenge | 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Hosted by Edward Wendling (ASI)

Join our iMIS partners as they showcase their cloud-friendly iMIS add-on apps and integrations LIVE! Partners will demo their solutions in rapid succession, complete with real-time voting by the audience to determine the coveted "People's Choice" iMIS app challenge award winner.

General Session | 9:00am to 10:00am

Presenter(s): Jeff Spring (ASI) and Michele Morgan (iUG)

Emcees: Riley Miller (Bursting Silver) and Doug Morris (ASI)

Start Day 2 with a recap of conference highlights before hearing the latest iMIS product updates, a look at the roadmap ahead, and a brief ASI business update. We'll also hear the latest news and initiatives from the iUG community.

Closing Session | 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Presenter(s): Edward Wendling (ASI), Jeff Spring (ASI), Molly Verduzco (ASI), Austin Isburgh (ASI) and Michele Morgan (iUG)

Emcees: Riley Miller (Bursting Silver) and Doug Morris (ASI)

Help shape the future of iMIS during this interactive community forum. Hear the latest product insights, participate in a live Q&A with iMIS product owners, and share your feedback directly with the team. We'll also celebrate innovation by announcing the iMIS App Challenge winners, including the coveted **People's Choice Award**, and wrap up with iUG and sponsor prize drawings.

Best Practices Track

Quick System Review | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 10:10am – 11:00am

Presenter(s): Troy Stenback (ASI)

ASI Client Success walks through the key items in a Quick System Review, covering security, member-area protection, data integrity, account pages, communication templates, RiSE content, form health, process automation, and settings audits. Attendees receive a copy of the review document to use with their own organization.

iMIS IQA: Best Practices Workshop | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 11:10am – 12:00pm

Presenter(s): Allison Rose (ASI)

Learn to optimize query performance and use IQAs for clear, effective reporting. This interactive workshop covers structuring queries, managing joins, and applying filters to reduce load times, reinforced with real-world examples.

Getting Started with Data Governance / The Hidden Cost of Bad Data: Practical Data Governance for iMIS

Tuesday, Nov 3 | 1:00pm – 1:50pm

Presenter(s): Meredith Newman (AGA), Michele Lelempsis (Causeis), and Michele Brandt (CSI)

This panel discussion featuring association staff and solution providers who will share practical, real-world experience and implementation expertise in data governance within iMIS. The panel will outline a simple, repeatable approach for launching a data governance initiative, addressing common challenges such as duplicate records, inconsistent data entry, and outdated information. Attendees will learn how practical standards, clearly defined ownership, and accountability can improve reporting, strengthen automation, and build greater member trust.

Following the Money: Orders, Payments, Reversals & Reconciliation | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 3:30pm – 4:20pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Financial transactions in iMIS involve more than processing payments. This session explains how orders, payments, credits, reversals, refunds, and reconciliation interact, helping staff troubleshoot issues and better understand the full financial lifecycle.

Modernize Your Committees: Committee Management & Committee Pages | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 10:15am –

11:05am

Presenter(s): TBD

Manual committee management can frustrate staff and volunteers alike. Explore modern approaches to committee applications, rosters, permissions, communication, and self-service in iMIS, along with strategies to strengthen volunteer engagement and governance.

iMIS EMS Health Check: Strategies for Continuous Improvement and Growth | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 11:15pm –

12:05pm

Presenter(s): Martin Parsons (ASI)

Optimizing iMIS EMS continues well beyond go-live. As your organization evolves, your system should evolve with it. Learn practical ways to strengthen your iMIS environment over time - managing roles and permissions with dynamic groups, improving security, enhancing integrations, expanding IQA reporting, streamlining event management, and refining finance and billing workflows. Whether you've been live for months or years, you'll gain actionable strategies to boost efficiency, adopt newer capabilities, and ensure iMIS continues to support organizational growth.

Future-Proofing Your Team: Building an iMIS Learning Culture | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 1:30pm – 2:20pm

Presenter(s): Melissa Mack (IBC)

What happens when your iMIS expert takes a vacation, changes roles, or leaves the organization? Too often, critical knowledge walks out the door. Learn how successful organizations document processes, create standard operating procedures, cross-train staff, onboard new employees more effectively, and build a culture of continuous learning that reduces risk and strengthens organizational resilience.

iMIS Reporting Workshop | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 2:30pm – 3:20pm

Presenter(s): Allison Rose (ASI)

Learn how to unlock the full power of your organization's data. Designed for anyone looking to turn information into impact, this session showcases how iMIS reporting tools can transform the way you analyze, present, and act on your data. The workshop includes interactive participation to review real examples of how organizations use reporting to uncover trends, measure success, and reveal hidden opportunities inside iMIS.

Leadership & Growth Track

From Joining to Belonging: Building Automated Member Journeys in iMIS | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 10:10am – 11:00am

Presenter(s): Michelle Lelempsis (Causeis)

Many associations invest in digital platforms and automation, yet members still join without engaging or disappear after a single interaction. This session focuses on designing intentional member journeys that drive meaningful engagement throughout the lifecycle. Using the Causeis Member Journey Blueprint, attendees will learn to identify key moments, map desired behaviors, and build automated journeys that improve participation and retention. The session includes live demonstrations of three high-impact iMIS Process Automation journeys—New Member Welcome, Event Reminder, and Login Nudge - providing practical patterns organizations can implement immediately.

From Reactive to Predictive: Using Engagement Scoring to Anticipate Member Behavior | Tuesday, Nov 3 |

11:10am – 12:00pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Move from guessing to knowing. Learn how organizations use engagement scoring and behavioral trends in iMIS to flag at-risk members before they lapse, and turn those early signals into targeted, proactive retention strategies.

Beyond the Dashboard: Building Data Stories for your Leadership | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 1:00pm- 1:50pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Turn your iMIS data into executive-ready dashboards. Learn how to build compelling dashboards for boards and leadership teams, even when users don't have full iMIS access. Discover techniques for highlighting KPIs, organizational performance, member trends, and strategic insights, then securely publish dashboards online so decision-makers can access real-time information anytime, anywhere.

Data Whisperer: Turning IQAs into Organizational Intelligence Tuesday, Nov 3 | 3:30pm – 4:20pm

Presenter(s): TBD

You already know IQAs pull data, but are you using them strategically? Learn how high-performing organizations use IQAs to uncover year over year trends, how many people are logging into their website, tracking inaccuracies on missing data (state/country) and then use that to identify risks, assist with decision-making, and make more strategic decisions. This session moves beyond “how to build an IQA” and into how to think like a data strategist.

The Modern Membership Org, Live: The Biggest Membership Lessons of 2026 | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 10:15am – 11:05am

Presenter(s): Riley Miller (Bursting Silver)

Over the 2026 season of The Modern Membership Org podcast, we sat down with association leaders, consultants, and technology experts to talk about what's actually working in membership today. This live panel brings three of those guests back to the table to revisit the season's biggest moments: the strategies that delivered, the predictions that held up (and the ones that didn't), and the questions membership organizations are still wrestling with heading into 2027. Moderated by the show's host, this conversation will stay candid, move fast, and send you home with takeaways you can put to work at your own organization.

The Membership Renewal Makeover | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 11:15am – 12:05pm

Presenter(s):

Renewal strategies that worked a few years ago may no longer deliver results. Discover how automation, segmentation, personalized communication, and flexible payment options can boost renewals and strengthen member relationships.

From Fragmented to Frictionless: How ISSCR Reimagined the Member Experience and Staff Productivity with iMIS and Third-Party Tools | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 1:30pm – 2:20pm

Presenter(s): Vihar Patel (ISSCR)

Learn how ISSCR built a connected ecosystem around iMIS, including OpenWater, Clowder, Mailchimp, Jotform, Zapier, and Claude AI, to create a frictionless member and speaker experience. The integration reduced manual work by 25-30% and helped drive a record 1,500 abstract submissions.

What High-Performing iMIS Organizations Do Differently — And How to Unlock More Value | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 2:30pm – 3:20pm

Presenter(s): Michelle Lelempsis (Causeis)

Every association invests in iMIS to better serve members, streamline operations, and support growth, yet some consistently get more out of it than others. This session draws on lessons from associations of all sizes to explore the practices that set high-performing iMIS organizations apart, from data management and governance to user adoption and continuous improvement. Rather than focusing on specific features, it offers a practical framework for assessing how well you're leveraging iMIS today and where to unlock more value tomorrow. Whether you're new to the platform or a long-time user, you'll leave with actionable ideas and a roadmap for moving from simply using iMIS to fully leveraging its potential.

Marketplace & Extensions Track

Visionary Sponsor: Higher Logic | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 10:10am – 11:00am

Presenter(s): TBD

Description TBD

Visionary Sponsor: Intuitive Business Concepts | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 11:10am – 12:00pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Description TBD

BSI:Enriched and Engaged: Understanding Your Membership Better with Datascout AI | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 1:00pm – 1:50pm

Presenter(s): TBD

There's more to your members than what appears in your database. This session introduces DataScout and explores how enriched member profiles can uncover interests, preferences, and insights you may be missing. Learn how smart segmentation helps you better understand your audience and how DataScout Engage turns those insights into more personalized outreach and action. You'll leave understanding how each feature works together to help you know your members better, engage them more effectively, and make smarter decisions. No technical background required.

The Integration Ecosystem: Connecting iMIS to the Tools You Already Use | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 3:30pm – 4:20pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Explore practical integrations with Microsoft 365, Power Automate, Zoom, event platforms, marketing tools, and more.

Visionary Sponsor: ASI- TopClass, OpenWater and Clowder | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 10:15am – 11:05am

Presenter(s): TBD

Description TBD

iMIS Fusion- Fuse Your Data | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 11:15am – 12:05pm

Presenter(s):

iMIS Fusion brings your organizational data together in one place, transforming how teams access insights and make decisions. This session introduces Fusion, a new data warehouse solution that unifies data across systems and infuses AI to deliver smarter reporting, clearer trends, and more strategic analysis. Attendees will see key capabilities, real-world use cases, and how Fusion simplifies access to the information staff need most. As a newly available offering, this session provides an early look at how Fusion can elevate data quality, reduce friction, and help organizations unlock deeper, more actionable insights through a connected, AI-powered data foundation.

Visionary Sponsor: iFinity | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 1:30pm – 2:20pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Description TBD

Visionary Sponsor: Data Impact Solutions | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 2:30pm – 3:20pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Description TBD

Product & Innovation Track

The Power of Smart Forms: Better Data, Better Experiences | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 10:10am – 11:00am

Presenter(s): TBD

Smart forms do more than collect information. They improve data quality, streamline approvals, support self-service, and reduce manual work. In this session, learn how to build dynamic forms and smarter workflows that simplify data collection, automate routine processes, save staff time, and create a better experience for members. You'll leave with practical ideas for designing forms that are more efficient, flexible, and effective.

Event Pricing Strategies: Promo Codes, Discounts & Real-World Event Pricing Scenarios | Tuesday, Nov 3 |

11:10am – 12:00pm

Presenter(s): Ellen Turner (Bursting Silver)

Successful event pricing requires more than setting registration fees. From promo codes and early-bird rates to bundles, guest pricing, sponsorships, member tiers, and special discounts, this session explores practical strategies for managing complex pricing scenarios in iMIS. Through real-world examples, you'll learn how to build flexible pricing structures, avoid common setup mistakes, troubleshoot issues, create a smoother registration experience, and maybe even increase revenue in the process!

I've Upgraded to iMIS EMS, Now What? A Roadmap for Getting Full Value After the Big Lift | Tuesday, Nov 3 |

1:00pm – 1:50pm

Presenter(s): James Harrison (Bursting Silver)

You fought for the budget, survived the complex upgrade, and went live on the iMIS EMS. The hard part is over, so now what? Too many organizations treat the go-live as the finish line and quietly let iMIS run exactly as it was configured at launch, never closing the gap between what they paid for and what they actually can use. This session is for everyone who has cleared the upgrade hurdle and is wondering what comes next. We'll tackle questions many organizations are asking: Should we just let it run? What new features and improvements should we prioritize? How do we know we're truly leveraging everything iMIS has to offer? You'll leave with a practical roadmap and guide you can put to work immediately, turning your upgrade from a one-time project into an ongoing source of value.

Certifications & Credentialing Through iMIS & TopClass | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 3:30pm – 4:20pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Delivering successful certification and credentialing programs requires the right tools to support learners while reducing administrative effort. In this session, discover how iMIS and TopClass work together to streamline certification management, automate continuing education (CE) credit tracking, and support certification pathways from initial enrollment through renewal. We'll also explore digital badges, microcredentials, assessments, and exams, along with ways to provide learners with a seamless experience through the iMIS member portal. Gain practical insights into building scalable credentialing programs that engage learners and simplify ongoing program management.

Crafting Clear and Effective Communication Templates in iMIS | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 10:15am – 11:05am

Presenter(s): TBD

Strong communication starts with well-designed templates. In this session, learn how to create and customize iMIS communication templates that are visually appealing, easy to read, and aligned with your organization's brand. Explore how to leverage out-of-the-box templates, personalize communications using additional data source queries, and attach reports or other documents to provide recipients with the information they need. Whether you're creating billing notices, event confirmations, or fundraising communications, you'll gain practical techniques for building clear, engaging communications that enhance the experience for your members and stakeholders.

Does your Member Self-Service Need a Facelift? | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 11:15am- 12:05pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Explore how organizations are modernizing their self-service portals by enhancing profile management, online payments, event registrations, and communications using the latest iMIS features and functionality. We'll share practical ideas for evaluating your current member experience, identifying opportunities for improvement, and making updates that increase engagement while reducing administrative effort.

Modern Reporting in iMIS - Using the Report Writer | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 1:30pm – 2:20pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Transform the way your organization creates and shares reports with the iMIS Report Writer. Learn how to build polished, branded reports and dashboards that deliver meaningful insights without relying on manual exports and spreadsheet manipulation. We'll explore how to automate recurring reports, streamline reporting processes, and make it easier for staff and leadership to access the information they need. Gain practical techniques for creating reports that save time, improve accuracy, and support more informed decision-making.

AI & iMIS: Practical Use Cases That Actually Save Time | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 2:30pm – 3:20pm

Presenter(s): TBD

AI is transforming the way organizations work - but where can it make the biggest impact in your day-to-day operations? In this session, explore practical ways to use AI alongside iMIS to streamline content creation, enhance support, summarize data, and improve communications. We'll share real-world examples and time-saving techniques that can help your team work more efficiently while getting even more value from iMIS. Walk away with ideas you can start applying right away to simplify routine tasks and boost productivity.

Technical Operations Track

Introduction to iDMS | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 10:10am – 11:00am

Presenter(s): JT Fielder (ASI)

Are manual processes and disconnected systems slowing your team down? Discover how the iMIS Data Management Suite (iDMS) helps organizations automate repetitive tasks, improve data quality, and streamline integrations - all without writing code. Learn how iDMS simplifies data imports and updates, automates routine business processes, and connects iMIS with other systems to reduce manual effort and improve efficiency. Through practical examples and real-world use cases, you'll see how organizations are using iDMS to save time, reduce errors, and get more value from their iMIS investment. Whether you're exploring iDMS for the first time or looking to better understand its capabilities, this session will show you how iDMS can help modernize your organization's data management.

Beyond the Basics: How Real Organizations Are Using iDMS to Automate | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 11:10am – 12:00pm

Presenter(s): JT Fielder (ASI)

Once you know what the iMIS Data Management Suite (iDMS) can do, the next step is learning to design automation that's reliable, scalable, and built around how your organization actually operates. This session takes a deeper, more technical look at iDMS, focusing on design thinking rather than configuration steps. You'll see how to structure multi-step workflows with iWorkflow, build IQAs tailored to improve execution time, schedule jobs to run on triggers or on demand, and avoid the common pitfalls that trip up larger, business-critical automation. Not hands-on, but practical: you'll leave with a clear approach for tackling automation challenges and building solutions that are both powerful and maintainable.

IQA Black Belt: Advanced Joins, Logic & Dynamic Filters | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 1:00pm – 1:50pm

Presenter(s): Keith Williams (ACTE)

Ready to level up? This advanced session dives into cross joins, calculated fields, dynamic filters, summaries, prompts, and logic structures that make your IQAs cleaner, faster, and more powerful, plus when (and why) to reach for IQA templates. If you're tired of clunky queries or hitting a wall on complex reporting, you'll leave with techniques you can put to work immediately.

Beyond Permissions: Building a Secure and Productive iMIS Environment | Tuesday, Nov 3 | 3:30pm – 4:20pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Protecting your iMIS environment doesn't have to create roadblocks for your team. Discover effective approaches for managing roles, permissions, groups, auditing, and user access that help safeguard sensitive data while enabling staff to work efficiently and confidently.

Simplifying Your Life with AI: Practical Tips, Tricks & Time-Saving Hacks | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 10:15am – 11:05am

Presenter(s): TBD

AI isn't just changing how we work, it's changing how we live. Join this interactive panel to hear how real users are putting AI to work everywhere, from managing priorities and streamlining communication at the office to cutting through the chaos of daily life at home. Whether you're chasing more productivity at work, more sanity at home, or just a little less overwhelm overall, you'll leave with practical tips and real-world ideas you can start using immediately.

Dues and Don'ts: Mastering Membership Billing in iMIS | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 11:15am- 12:05pm

Presenter(s): Elizabeth Wojcik (CSI)

Take the guesswork out of membership billing. Get practical tips for configuring iMIS billing, troubleshooting common issues, reviewing key settings, and improving the experience for both staff and members. The session will also explore Persisted Dues and how this approach will change the way you think about billing, renewals, and adjustments. You'll leave with proven strategies to manage membership billing with greater confidence and flexibility.

Security 2026: Protecting Your Mission, Your Members, and Your Data | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 1:30pm – 2:20pm

Presenter(s): Mark Breland (ASI)

For nonprofits and associations, a security breach is more than an IT issue. It threatens member trust, donor confidence, and your mission. In this session, learn how to use built-in security features, apply practical best practices, and understand the compliance standards most relevant to your organization. We'll also examine today's threat landscape and share strategies to help you prioritize risk and strengthen your overall security posture. You'll leave with actionable steps to better protect your people, your data, and your mission.

The Automation Advantage: Doing More with Less | Wednesday, Nov 4 | 2:30pm – 3:20pm

Presenter(s): TBD

Looking for ways to streamline day-to-day operations and reduce manual work? Discover how organizations are using iMIS tools such as Process Automation, iDMS, PowerSuite, and Alerts to simplify workflows, eliminate repetitive tasks, and improve efficiency. Through practical examples, you'll learn where each tool fits best and how to select the right solution for your organization's needs. Whether you're just beginning your automation journey or expanding existing processes, you'll leave with new ideas for working smarter and doing more with less.

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We invite our community of iMIS partners to participate in our annual iMIS App Challenge Contest. Don't miss out on showcasing your cloud-friendly iMIS® add-on apps and integrations at the upcoming Emergence Conference in Arlington, VA.

Entry Requirements

- **The deadline to submit is Friday, October 2, 2026**
- Approved submissions will participate in the App Challenge session at the Emergence Conference.
- Audience voting will determine the winning entries, and winners will be announced at lunch at the Emergence Conference.
- All entries must be cloud-friendly, use the iMIS REST API, and require no direct access to the iMIS application server or database server.
- Entries must provide a new feature or a clear extension to an existing iMIS or approved third-party solution feature.
- They may not replace an existing iMIS or approved third-party solution feature.

Submit your app at imisemergence.com/app-challenge

Contact Edward Wendling, VP of Strategic Partnerships, at ewendling@advsol.com with any questions regarding the 2026 iMIS App Challenge Contest.

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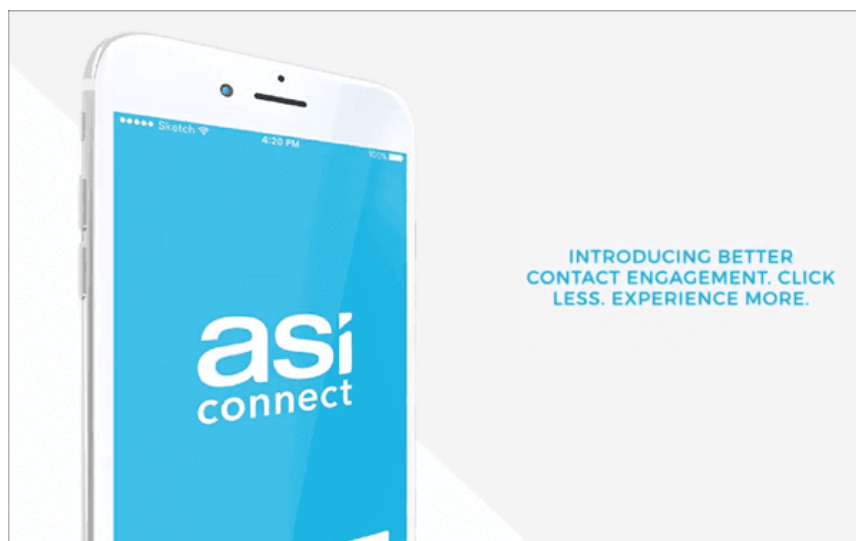
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