



# The Conference Call

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## Call for Speakers!

By: Abby Hostetler, Conference Committee Member

**DEADLINE  
February 16th  
@ 5pm ET!**

## GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN



Submit your abstract for a breakout session at the IAEM 66th Annual Conference & EMEX, October 19—24, 2018 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, [here!](#)

Consider how your presentation embraces the overall theme, *“Opportunities and Innovations in Emergency Management”*. Use the following topic areas or suggest one of your own:

- Innovations: Expanding the Possibilities for Success
- New Opportunities for Collaboration
- Opportunities and Innovations in the Emergency Management Profession

Breakout sessions are 60 minutes in length, including Q&A. We look for captivating submissions that demonstrate your knowledge and expertise on the chosen topic. Submission requirements are outlined in the [IAEM 2018 Breakout Speaker Guidance](#). If you have questions about the guidance, watch the recorded webinar [here](#). The webinar includes a discussion of the requirements, the breakout focus areas, what makes for an effective presentation, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Selected speakers will also receive complimentary or discounted registration. See [Breakout Speaker Benefits & Responsibilities](#) for more information.

Selected presenters will be notified around May 1, 2018. Please ensure you fill out the form completely as partial submissions will **NOT** be considered.

If you have further questions, please contact Julie Husk at (703) 538-1795 ext: 1789 or [jhusk@iaem.com](mailto:jhusk@iaem.com).

## “Come for the History, Stay for the Brews”

By: Taylor Frizzell, Conference Committee Member  
Come join us in Grand Rapids, Michigan for the 66th Annual IAEM Conference & EMEX! Grand Rapids lies on the Grand River, east of Lake Michigan. On the outskirts are the Frederik Meijer Gardens, Sculptor Park, a tropical conservatory, and multiple gardens. This artsy city was voted one of the New York Times 52 *Places to Go* in 2016 and was the #1 travel destination of 2014.

Grand Rapids has been coined “Beer City, USA” for its multitude of craft breweries, unique dining experiences, and “Brewsader” Passport Tour. If craft beer is not your forte, Grand Rapids offers scenic tours of the countryside and historic sites. There is also the chance to visit the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum or one of the historic furniture manufacturing sites. The affordability of this city is astounding as it offers art, outdoor activities, live music, and so much more.

Don't let the small chance of cold in October deter you from joining us. There are plenty of quirky coffee shops, art museums and live music venues to warm you up. Grand Rapids offers a little bit of everything regardless of how you feel about IPA's.

Head over to [experiencegr.com](http://experiencegr.com) to start planning your trip now. We'll see you in Grand Rapids!

## Save the Date **October 19—24, 2018**



The IAEM 66th Annual Conference & EMEX will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Reserve the date on your calendars now and make sure you register early for discounted rates! Registration will open in June of 2018.



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## Rebecca D. Costa

By: Valerie Lucus-McEwen, Conference Committee Member

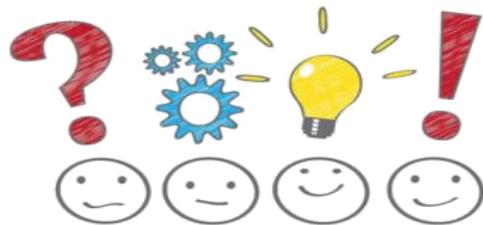
Rebecca D. Costa is a renowned American sociobiologist, futurist and a popular international speaker. She has been on the forefront of technological and scientific innovation for more than four decades.

Costa is a world-renowned expert on "fast adaption" in complex environments and has developed an extensive track record of introducing disruptive, bleeding edge technologies to clients such as Hewlett-Packard, Apple, Oracle, General Electric, 3M and others.

Compared to global thinkers in the mold of Alvin Toffler, Jared Diamond and Thomas Friedman; Costa attributes her ability to see the "big picture" to her cross-cultural education and upbringing. Raised in Tokyo, Japan and Laos, she brings a unique global perspective to the every day challenges of work and life.

Retiring at the top of her career in Silicon Valley, Costa spent six years researching and writing the international bestseller, *The Watchman's Rattle: A Radical New Theory of Collapse*, published in 2010. Her next book, *On the Verge*, was introduced in 2017 to critical acclaim, shooting to the top of Amazon's #1 New Business Releases. Costa led a popular weekly news program called *The Costa Report* which was syndicated throughout the United States until early 2018. Her weekly column, THE FIX, is presently featured on NewsMax.

Come to the 66th IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX and listen to the future!



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