

*Line-up of 100 conference speakers announced including new keynotes from National Geographic and IBM*

**March 28, 2019 (Anaheim, California, USA)** – The organizers of [AEC Next Technology Expo + Conference](#) and [SPAR 3D Expo & Conference](#), the premier co-located events focusing on technology for the built world and commercial 3D technology respectively, announced the [full conference program](#) including three additional keynote speakers today.

Joining MiMi Aung of NASA JPL on Wednesday, May 22 is Dr. Robert S. Sutor, VP, IBM Q Strategy and Ecosystem, IBM with a presentation titled *Quantum Computing: A View to the Future*. Joining Jon Snoddy of Disney Imagineering on Thursday, May 23 is a joint keynote with Fredrik Hiebert, Fellow at National Geographic, and Kathryn Keane, VP, Public Programming, and Director at National Geographic Museum with their presentation titled *Virtual 3D Technologies for Immersive Archeological Experiences*.

“We are delighted to announce the latest Keynote additions,” said Linda McLaughlin, Conference Program Manager, Diversified Communications. “We’re all curious to hear about the changes quantum computing will bring and the currently intractable challenges it may solve from Robert’s presentation. And I’m very much looking forward to Fredrik and Kathryn exploring the possibilities for using technology to share the world’s archeological treasures.”

The five distinguished keynote speakers will be joined by more than 100 other innovative technology leaders. AEC Next and SPAR 3D Conference programs feature their own unique technical education programs separately and merge together for these insightful keynotes. Conference programming begins with Product Previews on the morning of Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and continues for three full days. The full program can be viewed here <https://www.spar3d.com/event/full-conference/>

“We’re thrilled with the AEC Next agenda – it represents a broad array of innovative technologies applied to the AEC industry. Everything from AR/VR and blockchain to the evolution of ‘traditional’ design and construction practices is on the agenda,” commented Bill Emison, Conference Chair, Diversified Communications. “We’re focused on delivering client success stories featuring AEC leaders which allow attendees to understand how emerging technologies are impacting the entire industries.”

Speaking about the SPAR 3D Conference program, Ms. McLaughlin added “I’m particularly excited for the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) sessions which are new at SPAR 3D this year. These sessions focus on the integration of tools and workflows for specific projects such as LAX, Caltrans, and Giant Mines. Major players along the value chain, from asset owners to contractors, will describe the entire workflow from as-is conditions assessment to processing and deliverables, the hardware and software used, integration of disparate data sets, data handoff, new visualization technologies utilized such as AR/VR and holography, and ancillary benefits of using 3D technologies.”

## **Registration**

Registration for AEC Next Technology Expo + Conference and SPAR 3D Expo & Conference is now open. Event organizers recommend AEC and 3D technology professionals register early for the best price and to avoid lines onsite. Registrants may register for either conference to attend the joint keynote presentations along with the rest of their selected conference program or may elect to register for an All Access Pass to gain admittance to all conference sessions on both programs. To register, please visit <https://xpressreg.net/register/aesp0519/landing.asp?sc=207793>.

### **About AEC Next and SPAR 3D Co-Location**

AEC Next Technology Expo + Conference will be co-located with SPAR 3D Expo and Conference 2019 for the second consecutive year. Together, the events will feature thought leaders from around the globe in two distinct conference programs. Exhibits will be integrated into one large vendor-neutral exhibit hall allowing all attendees full access to all vendors. Networking events and multiple live-demonstrations areas will also be available to all attendees. Registrants have the option of AEC Next or SPAR 3D conference passes or an All Access pass to attend both conferences.

### **About AEC Next Technology Expo + Conference**

AEC Next Technology Expo + Conference is North America's leading vendor-neutral trade show and conference focusing on the implementation and integration of built world technology spanning the entire project life-cycle. Vendors offer hardware, software and services, emerging technology, and building/construction products complementing a comprehensive education program. Learn more at [www.aecnext.com](http://www.aecnext.com).

### **About SPAR 3D Expo & Conference**

SPAR 3D Expo & Conference is the premier international event for the commercial application of 3D technologies focused on 3D sensing, 3D processing, and 3D visualization tools. From sensing with drones, mobile rigs, and hand-held devices to using augmented reality, virtual reality, and mixed reality visualization tools, everything 3D is here at the only vendor-neutral, industry-agnostic event in the market. Learn more at [www.spar3d.com/event](http://www.spar3d.com/event).

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