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## 2018 International Crosstie and Fastening System Symposium

Rail Transportation and Engineering Center (RailTEC)  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**15 – 17 May 2018**  
**Urbana, IL**

Call for Spoken Presentation Abstracts Coming Late Fall 2017



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### **Technical and Research Topics for Abstract Consideration**

Laboratory and Field Testing  
Component and System Modeling  
Design Methodologies and Advances  
Manufacturing Innovations  
Automated Inspection Technologies  
Under Tie Pads

Loading Environment  
Tie Preservation  
Field Performance  
Failure Modes  
Direct Fixation Track Systems  
Sustainability of Crossties

### **Technical Tour Information**

voestalpine Nortrak manufacturing facility  
Visit to Production Crosstie Renewal Project (tentative)

### **Dinner**

Special Keynote  
Address to be announced.

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