66th Annual Idaho Asphalt Conference
University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho
October 21-22, 2026

Conference Program

Wednesday, October 21, 2026	
1:00 – 5:00 pm	**Workshop: "Cold Recycling of Asphalt Pavements: Best Practices and Emerging Technologies"** Dr. David Jones, University of California Pavement Research Center
4:00 pm	**IAC registration *opens***
5:00 – 7:00 pm	***Icebreaker in Exhibit Hall – Sponsored by Western States Equipment / Caterpillar***
Thursday, October 22, 2026	
7:00 am	***Registration opens – Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall***
8:00 am	***Opening Remarks*** Dr. Emad Kassem, PE, Professor, University of Idaho
8:15 am	***Welcome Remarks*** Dr. Suzanna Long, PE, Dean of College of Engineering, University of Idaho

Morning Session

Presiding	Dave Johnson, PE The Asphalt Institute
8:30 am	***The IDEAL-CT: Strengths, Limitations, and Moving Forward*** Dr. Elie Hajj University of Nevada, Reno
9:30 am	***Achieving Smooth Pavement Surfaces – Best Practices*** Laikram Narsingh The Wirtgen Group
10:15 am	**Break**
10:40 am	***Longitudinal Joint Density Demonstration Project*** Adrienne Woods, PE Idaho Transportation Department
11:20 am	***Density Profiling System and Intelligent Construction Technologies*** Amanda Gilliland, PE The Transtec Group, A Terracon Company
Noon – 1:45 pm	**Lunch and Expo**

Afternoon Session

Presiding	John Arambarri, PE Idaho Transportation Department
1:45 pm	***Mix Busters – Truths about Asphalt Myths*** Dave Johnson, PE The Asphalt Institute
2:20 pm	***The Generative AI Challenge to Highway Quality Assurance Integrity (pre-recorded)*** Mike Copeland Idaho Transportation Department
3:00 pm	**Break**
3:15 pm	***Understanding Emulsions and the New Higher Performance Emulsions Entering our Region*** Steve VanDebogert Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions
4:00 pm	***Highly Polymer-Modified Binders SWOT Analysis*** Dave Johnson, PE The Asphalt Institute
4:45 pm	**Adjourn**