



Inspiration, Innovation, and a Nod to the Future Take Center Stage at eMERGE Americas 2016

June 12 and 13 to be Main Dates for 2017

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MIAMI, April 20, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- eMERGE Americas concluded the third installation of their world-renowned event and today announced that in June 2017, South Florida's eMERGE Americas conference will once again welcome the region's leading entrepreneurs, industry luminaries, tech enthusiasts, global thought leaders and strategic investors.

In its third year, eMERGE Americas hosted more than 13,000 attendees from over 60 countries, with millions around the globe sharing in the experience thanks to CNBC and Telemundo's live broadcasts and online streaming. In all, the conference exceeded all expectation, generating over 200 million impressions from 7,239 Twitter mentions of #EA16.

"eMERGE Americas 2016 was a banner year by all accounts and an amazing testament to a prediction which our Chairman, Manuel D. Medina, acted upon three years ago," said Xavier Gonzalez, CEO of eMERGE Americas. "eMERGE Americas is filling a previous void in the market to facilitate communication in the tech sector between North America, South America and Europe."

This year's speaker sessions left audiences in awe, featuring some of the world's leading authorities within their industries such as Ray Kurzweil, Futurist, founder of Singularity University and Director of Engineering at Google; Steve Case, Chairman and CEO of Revolution LLC and Co-Founder of America Online (AOL) and Bibop Gresta, COO and Deputy Chair at Hyperloop. eMERGE veteran and investor, Pitbull, also made an inspiring appearance in the form of a fireside chat with Cesar Conde, Chairman of NBCUniversal International Group and NBCUniversal Telemundo Enterprises, and Mark Hoffman, President of CNBC. This year was full of not only esteemed speakers but exciting moments including the closing of the Nasdaq bell on-site and Tech Crunch Office Hours, an opportunity for startups to receive feedback and to build new connections.

"The feedback we continue to receive only gets better year-on-year and the response to this year's conference has been overwhelming in its great reception," said Xavier Gonzalez, CEO of eMERGE Americas. "From the caliber of the Startups in the showcase to our speakers and attendees, the conference is truly transcending borders and bringing together the best innovators and innovations from across the world."

[Mediconecta](#), a telehealth innovator that provides on-demand medical consultations via video conference using an in-house network of physicians and a robust proprietary platform, were named later stage winners of at eMERGE Americas 2016 Startup Showcase. In addition, [Cetus Labs](#) and [Tinker.build](#) were named early stage and university startup winners, respectively. Judges included NBA player, Elton Brand, and Investor, Jose Antonio Hernandez-Solaun, who as judges committed to becoming investors in the winning company.

Although the 2016 conference just wrapped up, Gonzalez and the eMERGE Americasteam has announced the dates for the 2017 edition of eMERGE Americas have been set for June 12 and 13.

Extremely limited Early Bird presale starts today at 10am ET for Summit Passes. They are available at the Early Bird price of \$350.00, which is a special 50% discount off the door price. To purchase visit the eMERGE website.

Visit eMERGE Americas' website (www.eMERGEamericas.org) to stay informed regarding new details for the 2017 event, as well as videos and photos from this year's event.

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