

THE CIRI SYMPOSIUM Agenda

DAY 1

09.28.26

The symposium kicks off with a focus on indoor air quality and environmental testing, featuring speakers on air cleaners, NIST research, and laboratory findings from Lawrence Berkeley.

DAY 2

09.29.26

Look into microbiology and emerging cleaning science, covering mold sampling, sanitizers and disinfectants, probiotic cleaning, and even NASA's approach to cleaning in space.

September 28, 2026

1:00 pm	Welcome with Kevin Pearson
1:15 pm	DR. GENE COLE Director of Research, LRC Indoor Testing & Research
2:15 pm	DR. MICHAEL LINK National Institute of Standards and Technology <i>Remediation of Wildland-Urban Fire Smoke in a Test House</i>
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm	HUGO DESTAILLATS Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory <i>The Use of Oxidants in Remediation</i>
4:15 pm	JEFF SIEGEL University of Toronto <i>Facts & Fiction – Air Cleaners</i>
5:00 pm	Closing Remarks Day 1
6:00 pm	Group Dinner

September 29, 2026

8:00 am	Welcome Back with Kevin Pearson
8:15 am	RICHARD SHAUGHNESSY University of Tulsa & JORDAN PECCIA Yale University <i>New Mold Sampling Approaches, Afforded by DNA Sequencing</i>
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	ERICA HARTMANN Northwestern University <i>Sanitizers & Disinfectants - Cleaning Approaches</i>
11:00 am	DR. GREG WHITELEY <i>Probiotic Cleaning - What does the published evidence say?</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	JENNIFER BLANK NASA <i>How Clean Is Clean Enough? Lessons from NASA's Planetary Protection Program</i>
2:15 pm	LAUREN FLY Conservator and Collections Manager, The Fly Arts Initiative <i>Bread, Potatoes, and Spit: The evolution of contemporary approaches to cleaning in painting conservation</i>
3:00 pm	Closing Remarks with Kevin Pearson

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As the cleaning industry's only peer-reviewed research publication, CIRI's Journal of Science brings cutting-edge research to academics and practitioners across the field. At this year's CIRI Symposium, we're continuing to bridge the gap. Join us in exploring current debates in the industry, interpreting new findings, and visiting key case studies, all in the service of stronger techniques and better outcomes. **Come learn, discuss, and connect!**