

The Auto-ID Lab at MIT will host a two-day event aimed at bringing together the leading RFID researchers with a select group of end users.

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Dec. 6, 2005—The [Auto-ID Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#) (MIT) is hosting an [RFID Academic Convocation](#) on Jan. 23 and Jan. 24. The two-day event will bring together directors of leading RFID research laboratories with executives from top-tier end-user companies in a variety of industries to address underlying research issues and opportunities surrounding RFID.

"This is really the first event of its kind," says Stephen Miles, research engineer at the MIT Auto-ID Lab. "Our goal is to raise awareness among end users of the research going on at institutions around the world, and to facilitate a dialogue that will enable researchers to focus their research on issues end users are encountering in the real world."



*Stephen Miles, MIT
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The conference is organized into sessions addressing the technology roadmap for the [EPCglobal Network](#), as well as active and passive tags and RFID frequency utilization. Application sessions will discuss time and telemetry pedigree, the aerospace and automotive industries, supply chain, packaging and RFID systems and applications beyond the supply chain.

The event will feature presentations by the directors of the Auto-ID labs at MIT; the [University of Adelaide](#), Australia; [Fudan University](#), China; [Keio University](#), Japan; [Information and Communications University](#), South Korea; the [University of St. Gallen](#), Switzerland; and the [University of Cambridge](#), the United Kingdom.

Researchers from other institutions who have agreed to participate include:

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The conference is by invitation only in order to facilitate a dialogue between end users of RFID technologies and researchers. Academics wishing to participate may submit papers to MIT's [Stephen Miles](#). The conference organizing committee will evaluate any submissions. For more information about the event, visit the [RFID Academic Convocation web site](#).