Title	Speaker	Abstract	Time
Day 1: March 11, 2025			
IMS leadership introduction	Shawn Benham (Program Director, IMS Development)	Meet the Program Director of IMS Development	09:30-09:45
Setting up IMS for Db2 Access	Kevin Stewart (IMS Development & Support)	Most IMS customers today also have Db2; configuring IMS to access Db2 is an important issue. Some of the topics covered will be new – connection pooling and security, and others will be in less well known areas such as accessing multiple Db2 subsystems from a single IMS, or a single dependent region, and configuring IMS/Db2 connections for data sharing.	09:45-10:30
Break			10:30-10:45
IMS managed ACB's update	Dennis Eichelberger (IMS Technical Specialist)	The IMS Managed ACBs is coming. To an IMS near you! It just a Database – well not quite just. Here are simple missteps that can be avoided when implementing an IMS Catalog and IMS Managed ACBs. This will include tips, hints and User experiences to help others with a smooth implementation of this IMS modernization feature.	10:45-11:30
Simplifying the administration of IMS and managing the catalog	Tracy Dean (Product Manager, IMS Tools)	You may be planning for or implementing the IMS catalog on your way to IMS managed ACBs, or to provide your applications with SQL access to your IMS databases. How does this both impact and help you as a DBA? In addition, how are you addressing the need the new IMS professionals? We'll look at intuitive, consistent interfaces which will make the experience of understanding and administering your IMS environment easier and allow system programmers and DBAs to become proficient more quickly. You'll also learn the best ways to manage the catalog database and how to use it to better understand your IMS database environment.	11:30-12:30
Lunch			12:30-13:45
Operational best practices for IMS	Kevin Stewart (IMS Development and Support)	Discover how to improve the availability and stability of your IMS systems via simple procedures, parameters, and yes, even exits.	13:45-15:00
Break			15:00-15:15

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Is your IMS the best it can be?	Dennis Eichelberger (IMS Technical Specialist)	IMS is the best of the Best. We'll make it better! This session shows you the basics of keeping your IMS healthy and your customers happy. Keeping your customers happy keeps your bosses happy. Use the IMS available utilities and tools to tune your IMS properly tune your IMS to get the best performance and reliability in the database and transaction world. Learn the best practices for initial tuning for your own environment. In this session we'll focus on IMS Logger, CSL setup and Type-2 commands.	15:15-16:00
IMS locking	Kevin Stewart (IMS Development and Support)	A detailed look at the mechanics of locking in IMS, comparing IRLM and IMS Program Isolation lock manager, managing locking and lock timeout.	16:00-17:00
Day 2: March 12, 2025			
IMS, analytics, and data streaming, oh my!	Tracy Dean (Product Manager, IMS Tools)	Yes, IMS is almost 60 years young. Come hear how IBM is keeping up to date by integrating with modern analytics platforms to help your organization more easily visualize how your IMS system is performing. Your company is likely already using operational analytics for other systems and you can be the hero that helps get performance data from your mission-critical IMS systems included.	09:30-10:30
IBM IntelliMagic brings vision to IMS transactions	Todd Havekost (IntelliMagic Performance Consultant)	This session will be a live demonstration showing how the powerful capabilities of IntelliMagic Vision that have brought enhanced visibility to metrics across the Z platform can now also be leveraged to enhance IMS transaction performance management. See first-hand why IBM acquired IntelliMagic last year and how that acquisition has already changed the performance management landscape for dozens of companies.	10:30-11:30
Break			11:30-11:45
Implementing and managing IMS shared queues	Kevin Stewart (IMS Development and Support) Tracy Dean (Product Manager, IMS Tools)	Are you looking at implementing IMS shared queues, or have you already implemented them and need better ways to monitor, manage and recover them? This session is for you. We'll introduce you to the benefits of shared queues and educate you on the methods and processes you'll need to monitor, manage, and recover them.	11:45-12:45
Lunch			12:45-14:00

Pervasive Encryption and IMS	Dennis Eichelberger (IMS Technical Specialist)	Regulatory, industry standards and customer expectations press for more and more safety around customer and company data. The Pervasive Encryption model with OSAM datasets requires some planning. OSAM is unique in many ways and keeping the IMS Infrastructure safe is as important as keeping its databases safe and well performing. This session discusses enhancements to OSAM; adding the capability to encrypt IMS data, logs and utilities to use the IBM Pervasive Encryption model. What is needed and a brief rundown on implementation steps to readily encrypt OSAM datasets.	14:00-15:00
Break			15:00-15:15
Buffet of IMS and IMS Tools Hands-on Labs	All	This is an opportunity to get your hands dirty and play with various IMS and Tools functions, including IntelliMagic: - Use the latest z/OS Connect EE V3 to discover, model, enable, and publish services and associated APIs based on trusted IMS transactions. - Data resiliency - explore what happens in a data sharing environment when an outage occurs - Convert a database to HALDB and learn how to size, allocate and populate HALDB partitions - Follow a step-by-step approach to build and populate an IMS Catalog environment and then use DFSDDLT0 to show the resources available - See how easily a distributed environment can access IMS mainframe data or even test out DDL with IMS - Use a new web UI for database administration - Understand performance analysis and IMS Connect workload management with Elastic and Splunk dashboards - Experience how IntelliMagic Vision can enhance collaboration and performance management for IMS and across the Z platform.	15:15-17:30