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## **Connect With Your IR Community Through NIRI**

Members tell me that one of the most important benefits of NIRI is the connection with others in the profession. Forty percent of corporate members are the only ones in their IR department, according to the [2016 NIRI-Korn Ferry Corporate IR Compensation Study](#). And 32 percent of IR counselor/consultant members work as solo practitioners, based on NIRI's [2015 IR Profession and Counselor Compensation Study](#). This makes the connections gained through NIRI resources all the more valuable.

Members indicate that chapters are a vital form of support and connectivity. Whether through education programs, social events, or leadership opportunities, chapters provide a natural interface with peers.

The eGroups discussion forums provide a crucial online community with insight and answers. Members stay current with NIRI and connect with like-minded colleagues on social media outlets like Twitter and LinkedIn. And NIRI's online member directory lets you search for contacts based on location, company name, chapter, or industry.

You can also connect via the world's largest IR education and networking event, the NIRI Annual Conference. You'll meet U.S. and global peers from two dozen countries while gaining real-world knowledge. Register by October 31 for early bird savings at [www.niri.org/conference](http://www.niri.org/conference) for the 2017 Annual Conference, June 4-7, in Orlando.

Amazing things can happen when you connect with your IR community through NIRI. This network can help provide the knowledge, collaboration, and motivation you need for success. And you'll likely gain some friends in the process, as I have.

With best regards,  
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