

fun

1. Furniture Nerd stickers + #SelfiesWithLisa were a hit.
2. Conference gamification (scavenger hunts, QR badge connections, points) elevated networking.
3. FOMO moments: Configura employees singing live and the “Revenge of the SIF” group T-shirts.

professional development

1. Keynote (Amy Jo Martin):
 - a. Work in your **zone of excellence**; **delegate, delete, or divest** the rest.
 - b. Practice **calendar integrity** — start the year fresh; every recurring meeting must re-earn its place.
 - c. Know the difference between **capacity vs. bandwidth** and manage time to increase both.
2. Imposter Syndrome session: 62% of people experience it; women disproportionately affected.
 - a. Awareness themes: perfectionism, superhero complex, fear of failure, denial of competency.
 - b. Finch app recommended as a mindset support tool.
3. Community > competition: roundtables, panels, and “nerd” deep-dives showed the value of learning collectively.

software tips (CET & industry tools)

1. Spec & Design Efficiency
 - a. Flyouts reduce scrolling; use validation to catch missing items.
 - b. Blocks = huge time-savers; name them, edit them, and use them to adjust rotation/elevation limitations.
 - c. “Replace Graphics” for cleaner specials; Auto-UV fixes skewed finishes.
2. Presentation & Rendering
 - a. Create “clean CAD” base files; use ghosted cable management in renderings.
 - b. Compress images before importing; Prezi adds polish to drawing set presentations.
 - c. Sharable schemes and finish presets support faster early-phase design.

the future of AI

1. Configura AI Roadmap emphasizes **intentional adoption**, not AI for the sake of AI.
 - a. Focus areas: faster digitization, test-fit prototypes, meaningful efficiency gains.
2. Industry AI interest is growing (e.g., manufacturer specific tools, internal dealer tools, etc.), but the trend is shifting from “AI FOMO” to **purposeful and strategic** integration.
3. Personal productivity: use AI to audit how you spend time vs. your actual priorities — let it reveal misalignment objectively.