In September 2018, PCCM hosted the 9th annual Inclusion in Science, Learning a New Direction (IsLAND) Conference on disability by Independence Science, an assistive technology organization that specializes in developing tools and pedagogy to help students with disabilities have equal access and opportunities to perform independently in STEM fields. The Princeton MRSEC is dedicated to accessibility to STEM for all.

The conference took place in Princeton’s MRSEC’s on September 14 and 15, introduced with a keynote address and a public talk by author Michael Hingson, a blind scientist that survived the World Trade Center tragedy in 2001.

Some of the topics presented were “Remote assistance to provide access to STEM laboratory classes,” creation of 3D printed tactile STEM templates, and “maximizing deaf/hard-of-hearing student success”, among many others.