



## **News Release**

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## ICPC and SubOptic sign MoU to formalise mutual co-operation

LYMINGTON, United Kingdom—The two premier global organisations representing the submarine cable communication industry—the <u>International Cable Protection Committee</u> (ICPC) and <u>SubOptic</u>—have formally signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to formalise their relationship and will be seeking to further co-ordinate their activities to the benefit of the submarine cable networks community as a whole.

The role of the two organisations is complimentary, with ICPC focusing on how better to protect the submarine cable critical infrastructure that underpins the world's global economy, whilst SubOptic organises the most important conference event in the industry, at which not only cable protection but also the other critical commercial and technical aspects of the industry are discussed and showcased.

As part of this MoU, SubOptic will be presenting at the ICPC Plenary in Hong Kong from 28-30, April 2015, outlining the SubOptic organisation, its activities, and how it will evolve in the future. Reciprocally, ICPC will be a key presenter at SubOptic 2016, in Dubai from 18-21, April 2016, to explain the work they are doing to help protect strategic cable infrastructure and how they are informing governments and industries alike about how essential this is to the global economy.

As both organisations work more closely, they will be planning further opportunities to support one another's activities.

**About ICPC:** The International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC) was formed in 1958 and its primary goal is to promote the safeguarding of international submarine cables against man-made and natural hazards. The organisation provides a forum for the exchange of technical, legal and environmental information about submarine cables and, with 145 members from over 60 nations, including cable operators, owners, manufacturers, supporting service providers, as well as governments, it is the World's premier submarine cable organisation. For further information about ICPC and its upcoming Plenary in Hong Kong visit: <a href="https://iscpc.org">https://iscpc.org</a> or send an e-mail to: <a href="mailto:secretary@iscpc.org">secretary@iscpc.org</a>.

About SubOptic: SubOptic is an organisation that exists to promote, foster debate, exchange ideas and act as an educational resource for the entire submarine telecommunications community. SubOptic is a non-profit, non-incorporated international organisation, which is steered and sponsored by leading members of the industry. Its activities are open to every level of the industry, including those who manufacture cable systems and their components to purchasers of cable networks, purchasers of system capacity, business analysts, regulators, financiers and investors. SubOptic 2016 will be the ninth in the series of conferences, the first being held in 1986. For further information visit: <a href="www.suboptic.org">www.suboptic.org</a> or send an e-mail to: <a href="john-horne@btconnect.com">john-horne@btconnect.com</a>, the Secretary to the SubOptic Executive Committee.

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