

INTERNATIONAL CABLE PROTECTION COMMITTEE PRESENTS

OUR 50th PLENARY, 25 – 27 APRIL 2017, MONTEVIDEO

Unmissable Insights and Challenges in Submarine Cable Planning, Protection and Maintenance.



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The ICPC is a non-commercial, non-profit international community of interest comprising more than 150 Member organisations from over 60 countries who are active in the critical activities of regulating, operating, building, securing and maintaining submarine cable infrastructure. ICPC Members take care of over 97% of the world’s submarine telecommunications cable infrastructure, and an increasing number of international submarine power cables. The ICPC’s mission and vision is to be the international submarine cable authority providing leadership and guidance on issues concerning submarine cable implementation, protection and reliability.

The ICPC Plenary will be held at the **Radisson Blu Hotel, Montevideo, Uruguay, from 25 - 27th April 2017**, hosted by Telxius. Attendance at the ICPC Plenary provides significant benefits for members, presenters and exhibitors.

The theme for the ICPC’s 50th Plenary is **Unmissable insights and challenges in submarine cable planning, installation, protection and maintenance**. The ICPC now seeks presentation abstracts that address this broad theme. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to the following.

<i>Topic 1: Challenges to improving submarine cable reliability</i>	<i>Topic 2: Cable protection and the power of partnerships</i>	<i>Topic 3: Cable protection in the wider environment</i>
<p>Balancing the pressure to cut the cost of capacity yet deliver still more reliable connectivity.</p> <p>Technical and commercial innovations that can benefit the cable industry and its customers.</p> <p>Methods to reduce system repair times and minimise service disruption.</p>	<p>Collaboration across sectors to deliver better protection for cables.</p> <p>Where they are permitted, how can partnerships benefit cable protection and maintenance?</p> <p>Synergies between the telecommunications and power cable sectors in the drive for increased cable system reliability.</p>	<p>Socio-economic benefits of cables.</p> <p>Environmental responsibilities and how to meet them.</p> <p>Challenges to the UNCLOS freedoms to lay, operate and maintain cables in international waters</p> <p>Challenges of cable planning, installation and maintenance in hostile environments</p>

The ICPC Plenary attracts global attendance and provides valuable opportunities to exchange ideas on the planning, installation, operation and maintenance of cables across sectors in the submarine cable community, to learn from colleagues facing similar challenges, and to get up to date with environmental and legal matters pertaining to submarine cables.

The agenda includes **briefing sessions, networking, presentations, exhibitors, round tables and keynote interviews**, ensuring that there is significant value for all who attend.

Registration to attend the ICPC Plenary is **complimentary** for up to two representatives from each member organisation and **for the presenters of all accepted papers**. A number of **leading contributors** will also participate in interactive panel discussions covering key issues raised in the presentations.

Abstracts and Presentations	
<p>a) Abstracts must be submitted via email to secretariat@iscpc.org no later than 9th December 2016.</p> <p>b) Presentations should be a maximum of 25 minutes long, including approximately 5 minutes for questions and answers, and formatted in accordance with the guidelines that will be provided.</p>	<p>c) The ICPC will evaluate all submissions based on content, relevance and quality.</p> <p>d) Overt marketing presentations will not be accepted. One slide stating the presenter’s affiliation and its activities can be included at the beginning or end of the presentation.</p>
Important Dates	
9 December 2016: Cut-off date for abstract submission	20 January 2017: Publication of Open Session Agenda
13 January 2017: Decision notification to presenters	7 April 2017: Presentation files to be received by ICPC

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