



## Call for Papers

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### *Enhancing Submarine Cable Security and Co-operation in Balance with the Environment*

*Hosts: EGS (Asia) Ltd and Huawei Marine Networks*

#### **ICPC Plenary Meeting: 28 – 30 April 2015, Hong Kong: Call for Papers and Participation**

The ICPC now comprises over 145 members spanning more than 60 countries, all of whom are interested in the critical aspects of operating, building, securing and maintaining submarine cable infrastructure embracing power, sensing and telecommunications applications. **The ICPC welcomes submission of presentation abstracts and exhibitors from members and non-members alike.** Exhibiting at the Plenary provides unprecedented access to the people in the industry responsible for taking care of over 98% of the world's submarine telecommunications cable infrastructure, and a good proportion of those interested in submarine power cable applications.

The Plenary is a valuable opportunity to achieve the following goals:

- **Learn** more of the value of submarine cables in the environment
- **Exchange** ideas with leading players
- **Meet** key industry figures from across the world – all in one location
- **Exhibit** and see the latest developments in submarine cable technology and applications
- **Get up to date** with environmental and legal matters pertaining to submarine cables
- **Network** with submarine cable owners, suppliers, and those in the organisation with legal and environmental expertise
- **Learn** from colleagues facing similar challenges from other regions
- **Understand** how the ICPC is helping all parts of the industry to have its voice heard – cutting through the hype and dealing with authoritative, objective and peer-reviewed science, engineering and best practice.

The Plenary will be held at **Hong Kong Cyberport** –selected by [EGS \(Asia\) Ltd](http://www.egs.com), an apt location which is steeped in submarine cable history and rooted in 21<sup>st</sup> century technological development. The event is co-hosted by [Huawei Marine Networks](http://www.huaweimarine.com). With over half the world's population located with access to international submarine cables in Asia, the next ICPC Plenary could not be better placed to reach those who rely so heavily on submarine cable infrastructure. The ICPC is greatly appreciative of the work already undertaken by EGS (Asia) Ltd in selecting the venue for the midweek networking reception that will take place at the [Hong Kong Maritime Museum](http://www.hkmmuseum.com).

For those presenting or exhibiting, the Plenary offers a sound opportunity to learn first-hand of the benefits of membership of the organisation. Being accepted to present or exhibit is an excellent first step.

For exhibitors, it offers unparalleled reach in terms of representation from international cable systems covered. The ICPC is a non-profit membership organisation. With no 'profit motive,' attendance and exhibition spaces are available at unbeatable rates, and for ICPC members, attendance by up to two delegates at the Plenary remains complimentary. For further information regarding presenting or exhibiting please contact the [Secretariat](mailto:secretariat@iscpc.org). Membership information can be found at <https://www.iscpc.org/join-the-icpc/>

**The ICPC is now seeking presentations that address the commercial, legal, environmental, technical and operational challenges of planning, operating and protecting submarine cables. Recommended topics include:**

#### Co-operation

- Government & Industry working together
- Choke points, route diversity, and network resilience
- Legal & regulatory challenges & solutions (including creeping jurisdiction)

#### Engineering in the Marine Environment

- Submarine Cables and the environment (including management in marine protected areas)
- Power Cables: overcoming the challenges of depth and distance
- Science and Submarine Cables
- New technologies and best practices for cable protection and maintenance
- Cable re-use and redeployment

#### Security and Development

- Avoiding intentional damage, e.g. Terrorism, Vandalism, Theft, Piracy
- Social, strategic and economic reliance on submarine cables
- Helping new players to understand the basics of cable protection
- Submarine Cables as Critical Infrastructure
- Risks and Mitigation - External Aggression

A number of presenters will also be invited to participate in interactive panel discussions covering key issues raised in the presentations.

#### **Requirements:**

- a) Presentations should be 25 minutes long (max) including time for a question and answer session, to ensure clarity when presented and should be formatted in accordance with the guidelines that will be provided.
- b) Prospective presenters are respectfully advised that papers that are overtly marketing a product or service will not be accepted, however up to two marketing slides can be included at the beginning or end of the presentation.
- c) Abstracts must be submitted via email to [secretariat@iscpc.org](mailto:secretariat@iscpc.org) no later than **31 January 2015**.

The ICPC will evaluate all submissions based on content, relevance and quality.

*The ICPC's mission and vision is to be the international submarine cable authority providing leadership and guidance on issues related to submarine cable security and reliability.*



*The ICPC acknowledges with thanks its  
Co-hosts for the 2015 Plenary:  
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