



INTERNATIONAL CABLE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

THE CASE FOR CABLES

ICPC Plenary Meeting: 12 – 14 April 2016 Hamburg

Call for Papers

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The ICPC now comprises 160 Member companies from more than 60 countries, who are interested in the critical aspects of operating, building, securing and maintaining submarine cable infrastructure. ICPC Members are responsible for taking care of over 97% of the world's submarine telecommunications cable infrastructure, and many 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 security, protection and reliability.

ICPC Plenary: The ICPC Plenary is a valuable opportunity to learn more of the social and economic benefits of submarine cables, to exchange ideas 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 Plenary will be held at the **Radisson Blu Hotel, Hamburg, Germany from 12 – 14 April 2016**. The event will be hosted by Alcatel-Lucent Submarine Networks.

The theme for the 2016 Plenary is: The Case for Submarine Cables: Protecting and enhancing the global environment with power and communications.

The ICPC now seeks presentations from members and non-members that address the commercial, legal, environmental, technical and operational challenges of planning, operating and protecting submarine cables. Recommended topics include, but are not limited to:

1. The Economic Case for Cables

- Net Benefits of Submarine Cables
- Social, Strategic and Economic Reliance on Submarine Cables
- Submarine Cables as Critical Infrastructure

2. Cable Protection – Good Practice

- Partnerships in Cable Protection
- Other Seabed Users
- Legal & Regulatory Factors
- Helping New Players to Understand the Basics of Cable Protection
- Risks and Mitigation - External Aggression

3. Working in the Marine Environment

- Balancing the Needs of Submarine Cables and Marine Protected Areas
- Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction
- Research and Submarine Cables
- Technology Advancements
- Regulatory Developments and Challenges

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

Submissions

- a) Presentations should be a maximum of 25 minutes long, including approximately 5 minutes for a question and answer session 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 no later than **31 January 2016** and should state under which of the above three categories that they should be allocated (or 'other').
- d) The ICPC will evaluate all submissions based on content, relevance and quality.
- e) Final presentations should be sent to ICPC's General Manager general.manager@iscpc.org in advance of the Plenary.

Important Dates

31 January 2016: Cut-off date for submission of abstracts

21 February 2016: Decision notification to presenters

28 February 2016: Publication of Open Session Agenda

7 April 2016: Presentation files to be received by ICPC

The ICPC gratefully acknowledges its Host for the 2016 Plenary:

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