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ICPC returns to Cape Town to hold its 2018 Diamond Jubilee Plenary

LYMINGTON, United Kingdom— In October 1974, the [International Cable Protection Committee \(ICPC\)](#) held its 13th Plenary in Cape Town, South Africa. In 2018, the Plenary will return to the coastal city for its upcoming session as well as celebrate 60 years of heritage since its incorporation in 1958.

Under the theme “*Where Oceans Meet Cables—A global voice for the submarine cable community*”, ICPC will commemorate and look ahead to the latest developments regarding the protection of submarine cables worldwide by leading its Diamond Jubilee Plenary from 10-12 April 2018 in the Westin Cape Town.

At the 1974 Plenary, the Honourable Marais Viljoen, MP Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of South Africa addressed the delegation with the following insightful words:

“Having seen the Agenda items which will form the basis of your discussions during the next few days, I was impressed by the formidability of the task that awaits you. Not only are you here to find further ways and means of protecting the submarine cable systems of the world against known hazards, but you will also need to give serious thought to new, developing dangers which are already evident or may arise in the near future.”

Commenting on the speech, ICPC Chairman Graham Evans, stated: “The words that were delivered back in 1974 still hold true today and the ICPC remains committed to the protection of both submarine power and telecommunication cables. Since the organisation’s inception, we become the global voice for the undersea community and I hereby invite Members and experts from around the globe to attend the upcoming Plenary to build upon ICPC’s heritage as it continues to promote the sharing of the seabed in harmony with others.”

The ICPC Diamond Jubilee Plenary will attract worldwide-attendance and provide valuable opportunities to exchange ideas on the planning, installation, operation and maintenance of

cables across sectors in the submarine cable community. Attendees will hear from distinguished guests, learn from colleagues facing similar challenges and get up-to-date with environmental and legal matters pertaining to submarine cables.

If interested in submitting an abstract from ICPC's recently issued Call for Papers for next year's Plenary visit <https://iscpc.org/news/>. To join the ICPC, send an e-mail to: secretary@iscpc.org.

About the ICPC: The International Cable Protection Committee 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 more than 165 members from over 60 nations, including cable operators, owners, manufacturers, industry service providers, as well as governments, it is the World's premier submarine cable organisation. For further information about ICPC visit: www.iscpc.org or send an e-mail to: secretary@iscpc.org.

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The banner features a scenic view of Cape Town, South Africa, on the left. In the center is the ICPC logo, which includes the text 'International Cable Protection Committee' and 'Celebrating 60 years'. To the right of the logo, the text reads '2018 ICPC Plenary Meeting', '10-12 April 2018', and 'Westin Cape Town, South Africa'. On the far right, it says 'Hosted by: Mertech Marine' with the company logo.