

Under the umbrella theme 'Ensuring a Connected Future,' the <u>International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC)</u> is calling on those interested in presenting at the next Plenary that will be held in the Orchard Hotel, Singapore from 30^{th} April -2^{nd} May 2024.

ICPC seeks presentation abstracts highlighting the following cable protection concepts:

- Applying new and emerging technologies
- Learning from project case studies
- Understanding emerging issues, challenges, and proposed solutions
- Operating in crowded marine areas
- Managing increasing regulation
- Defining sustainability in relation to cable protection

About the Plenary: A cornerstone event for our organisation, the ICPC Plenary attracts global attendance and has always provided valuable opportunities to exchange ideas on the planning, installation, operation, protection, and maintenance of cables, to learn from colleagues facing similar challenges, and to get up to date with environmental and legal aspects of submarine cables. This annual event will provide tremendous benefits for members, presenters, and exhibitors. The Plenary agenda includes presentations, round tables, keynote interviews, exhibits and networking opportunities.

Submission details for your presentation abstract:

- **Requirement:** Submission of a written abstract of your presentation (maximum 225 words / about half of a page).
- Recommended: In addition to your written abstract, we would welcome a video recording of your abstract (no more than two minutes in length) to assist with the selection process.
 Presenter can submit the video recording in any format through any media tool (i.e., smartphone and/or conference software). Please note, your video will not be shared outside the ICPC Executive Committee and Secretariat, and it will be deleted once the process has closed.
- Presentation abstracts may be submitted **here**.
- Abstracts due by: Friday, 26th January 2024.
- Notification of acceptance to Presenters by: Friday, 16th February 2024.
- Presenter confirmation of attendance by: Thursday, 29th February 2024. (Presenters receive a complimentary pass to attend the Plenary, but Presenters are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs).
- The ICPC will evaluate all submissions based on content, relevance, and quality.

Presentation requirements:

- Presentations should be a maximum of 25 minutes long, including approximately 5 minutes for questions and answers, formatted in accordance with the ICPC guidelines that will be provided.
- Overt marketing presentations will not be accepted. One slide stating the speaker's affiliation and its activities can be included at the beginning or end of the presentation.
- The Presenter agrees to submit their final presentation by: Monday, 1st April 2024.
- The Presenter understands they will be assigned a specific speaking day and time in the agenda that may not be able to be adjusted.
- In submitting any abstract or presentation, the submitter certifies to the ICPC that the content of the abstract or presentation: (1) reflects the submitter's owner work or that of his or her organisation; (2) is not subject to export control restrictions or is otherwise authorised or licenced for export or reexport; and (3) does not contain any competitively-sensitive information.



About the ICPC: ICPC is a non-commercial, non-profit international community of interest comprising more than 200 member organisations from 70 countries who are active in the critical activities of building, operating, and maintaining submarine telecommunications and power cable infrastructure. ICPC Member organisations represent over 98% of the world's submarine telecommunications cable infrastructure, and an increasing number of international submarine power cables. To learn more about the ICPC, visit: www.iscpc.org or send an e-mail to secretariat@iscpc.org.