

2026 ICPC Plenary: 14th – 16th April:

‘Collaboration to Protect Global Connectivity’

Athens, Greece

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts Due: Friday, 30th January 2026



The [International Cable Protection Committee \(ICPC\)](#) is now calling on those interested in presenting at the next Plenary that will be held in the Athenaeum InterContinental hotel **from 14th – 16th April 2026, in Athens, Greece.**

Under the Plenary theme ‘**Collaboration to Protect Global Connectivity,**’ ICPC seeks presentation abstracts highlighting the following topics related to the global submarine cable industry:

- **Shaping the Future:** Open Access & Innovation; People, Skills & Workforce
- **Shared Stewardship:** Environmental Responsibility; Community Interaction; Spatial Planning; Marine Stakeholders & Government Cooperation
- **Technology & Innovation:** Submarine Cable Sensing; Satellite Sensing & Monitoring; Survey Operations; AI & Automation
- **Informed Government Policies & Regulation:** Best Practices; International Jurisdiction
- **Resilience & Security:** Infrastructure Growth & Stability; Defence Considerations for Submarine Cables
- **‘Real-World’ Case Studies:**
 - ICPC Members really value your submarine cable project experiences, and we strongly encourage the submission of case studies. In particular, we are seeking insights, examples and studies related to the Mediterranean region for the 2026 Plenary programme.



Please note, the topics previously listed are not limited, so additional ideas are welcome for consideration.

About the Plenary: A cornerstone event for our organisation, the ICPC annual 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 provides tremendous benefits for ICPC Members, presenters, and exhibitors. The Plenary agenda includes presentations, break-out sessions, invited guest speakers, networking opportunities and much more!

Submission details for your presentation abstract:

- **Requirement:** Submission of a written abstract of your presentation (maximum 300 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, 30th January 2026**
- Notification of acceptance to Presenters by: **Friday, 6th February 2026**.
- Presenter confirmation of attendance by: **Friday, 20th February 2026**. (*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. ***Please note that presentations previously used at other industry conference events will not be accepted.***



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: **Friday, 27th March 2026.**
- 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 own 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 235 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 icpcinfo@iscpc.org.
