

INTERNATIONAL CABLE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

**DIAMOND JUBILEE PLENARY
10 – 12 APRIL 2018, CAPE TOWN**



CALL FOR PAPERS

*Where Oceans Meet Cables - A global voice
for the submarine cable community*

The ICPC gratefully acknowledges  Host for the 2018 Plenary.

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ICPC 2018 Plenary –Theme and Call for Papers

The ICPC is an international non-commercial, non-profit community of interest comprising more than 165 member organisations spanning over 60 countries, active in the critical activities of regulating, operating, building, securing and maintaining submarine cables. ICPC members take care of over 97% of the world's submarine telecommunications cables, and an increasing number of international submarine power cables. *The Plenary provides an unparalleled opportunity for members, guest presenters and observers to become informed about all matters related to protecting the world's critical submarine-cable infrastructure.*

The ICPC Plenary will be held at the **Westin Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa, from 10 – 12 April 2018**, hosted by Merteck Marine. Attendance at the ICPC Plenary provides significant benefits for members, presenters and exhibitors. The theme for the ICPC's Diamond Jubilee Plenary is *“Where Oceans Meet Cables - A global voice for the submarine cable community”* promising to be the world's most significant submarine cable meeting point in 2018.

The ICPC now seeks presentation abstracts that address this broad theme. **Suggested topics include, but are not limited to the following:**

- **Submarine cables in harmony with the marine environment.** Understanding, measuring, minimising and mitigating marine environmental impacts.
- **International law and submarine cables.** The role of UNCLOS, developments in BBNJ, cooperation with other seabed users and the ‘Due Regard’ principle, legal protections for both cables and the environment.
- **Engineering for system reliability.** Innovative developments for effective protection, swift restoration and repair.
- **Effective cable awareness methods for the digital age.**
- **Cables making new landfalls.** Their social, political and economic impacts. How is connectivity changing Africa?
- **Science and submarine cables.** Understanding and addressing natural and man-made hazards to submarine cable connectivity.
- **60 years of technical advancement.** Cable utilisation, system design, global spread, cable installation and protection methods. New applications for submarine cables.

The ICPC Plenary attracts global attendance and provides 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. **The Plenary agenda includes presentations, round tables, keynote interviews, exhibits and networking opportunities.** More information on the ICPC can be found at: www.iscpc.org.

Abstracts, Important Dates and Presentations

- a) Abstracts can be submitted via email to secretariat@iscpc.org or online by clicking [here](#).
- b) 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.
- c) The ICPC will evaluate all submissions based on content, relevance and quality.
- d) Overt marketing presentations will not be accepted. One slide stating the presenter's affiliation and its activities can be included at the beginning or end of the presentation.
- e) The cut-off date for abstract submission is **Friday 5th January 2018**.
- f) Decision notification to presenters by **Friday 9th February 2018**.