



# CALL FOR PAPERS

ICPC Plenary 2019, San Diego, 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019



The ICPC is a non-commercial, non-profit international community of interest comprising 174 Member organisations from 68 countries who are active in the critical activities of regulating, operating, building, securing and maintaining submarine cable infrastructure. ICPC Members take care of over 97% of the world's submarine telecommunications cable infrastructure, and an increasing number of international submarine power cables.

The ICPC Plenary will be held at the Courtyard Liberty Station Hotel, San Diego, California, USA from 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 inclusive. Attendance at the ICPC Plenary provides significant benefits for members, presenters and exhibitors.

The theme for the ICPC's 2019 Plenary is:

## ***Critical Infrastructure Across the Oceans – protecting submarine cables and the marine environment***

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

- *The future of submarine cable protection – news and developments*
- *International power cables – growth and challenges*
- *Expanding the cable network and protecting the world's oceans*
- *Innovative and challenging cable routes*
- *Technology for submarine cable security and resilience*
- *Operation and maintenance trends*
- *Law, policy and international cables*
- *Sharing the seabed with competing uses*

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](http://www.iscpc.org)

### **Abstracts, Important Dates and Presentations**

- Abstracts can be submitted online by clicking [here](#).
- 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.
- The ICPC will evaluate all submissions based on content, relevance and quality.
- 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.
- The cut-off date for abstract submission is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.
- Decision notification to presenters by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019.

***We look forward to meeting you in San Diego.***