

SubCom Director Dr. Lara Garrett Elected Optical Fiber Conference (OFC) Technical Program Co-Chair

Leveraging 20+ years of expertise in subsea cable systems, Dr. Garrett is to support OFC, the largest global conference and exhibition for optical communications and networking professionals

NEWINGTON, NH - USA – June 5, 2023 – <u>SubCom</u> is pleased to announce that Dr. Lara Garrett, Director of Product Line Management (PLM), has been appointed by the Steering Committee of the Optical Fiber Conference (OFC) to an exciting role in the conference organization process. She will serve as a Technical Program co-chair starting in 2025, and will then serve as a General co-chair of the event in 2027.

OFC is the largest conference and exhibition for optical communications and networking professionals, and for more than 45 years has drawn attendees from all corners of the globe to meet and greet, teach and learn, make connections across many generations of technical professionals, and move business forward.

As an OFC Technical Program co-chair, Dr. Garrett will have an opportunity to provide input on the agendas, programming, and themes for upcoming OFC events, and will seek to maintain the OFC tradition of inclusivity and innovation. With more than 20 years of research and industrial experience in fiber optic transmission systems, Dr. Garrett will draw upon her own expertise and the institutional knowledge of SubCom, which has been among the world's most active and innovative suppliers of subsea fiber optic data cables since the 1950s.

"I am deeply honored to serve as a technical co-chair for OFC, an event that is critically important to the continued growth and evolution of the optical fiber communications industry," said Dr. Garrett. "My TPC colleagues and I will be dedicated to building programs that showcase the most exciting and advanced work our industry has to offer, including areas where innovators are truly pushing the technology envelope. OFC is the premier venue for innovative companies ranging from established stalwarts to start-ups, dedicated academics, and for anyone with an interest in the industry. I look forward to my new role in the organizing process for OFC 2025."

About SubCom

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