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The International Wire and Cable Symposium, Inc (IWCS) announced the results of its 2008 Conference today in Eatontown. The Conference, held once again in Providence, RI, drew over 1150 attendees, which is the highest total since the organization's 50th anniversary conference in 2001. The Focus Suppliers' Exhibition filled two halls of the Rhode Island Convention Center with 150 display stands presenting the latest technologies of the wire and cable industry and its suppliers.

The centerpiece of the annual event, the Technical Symposium, featured 90 papers addressing the latest developments in products, processes and materials for the wire and cable and connectivity industries. In the 2008 Conference, IWCS teamed with the International Institute of Connector and Interconnection Technology (IICIT) and the Communications Cables and Connectivity Association (CCCA) in an expansion of the audience from wire and cable to complete systems. This expansion is expected to accelerate in future Conferences.

The 2008 Executive Forum featured presentations on areas of general interest to management of the industry, with a sharp focus on the state of the markets presented by CRU London, and the economic prospects facing us from the Chief Economist from DuPont. Additionally, a clear indication of the market directions for fiber optic products was offered by Corning, as well provocative presentations on market oversight from Factory Mutual and Underwriters Laboratories. Fascinating presentations from Avnet on future developments in lighting and the prospects for bandwidth demand from Emerson rounded out the program.

Delegates attending the plenary session were treated to a vision of the future from Cisco in which the design of wire and cable systems is subject to change, providing an integrated system of building management.

The Professional Development Courses once again were very popular as IWCS "graduated" its first class of students who have taken the full range of courses offered over the past several years.

The 2009 IWCS Conference is scheduled for Nov 8 to 11 in Charlotte, NC. A preliminary Call for Papers was released at the 2008 Conference, with the formal document scheduled for January, 2009 release.