

Closing Remarks

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our goal was to offer to you a program which deals with macro-variables and can help you as the senior leaders of the wire & cable industry, to understand both what has happened and even more importantly predict what will happen. Then you can make the appropriate bets on that basis. We also included information that can help us to become better leaders of our large complex organizations.

We will continue working on this program and will try to enrich it. I hope all of you will feel free to contact me directly, if you have any ideas for either great speakers, that you have heard of and / or you think are appropriate for this congress. I will hand this to the Standing Commission.

I also encourage you to bring a friend to our Congress. Once they have experienced a Congress, they generally will join this audience. New members enrich the discourse we have during these days. So please, if each of you could invite a couple of people, who you think would benefit by this conference, this would be much more effective than a cold call or a letter from ICF itself.

In some early feedbacks, I heard from suppliers who said that this was a great opportunity to very efficiently meet a lot of people at very senior level. I found the supplier discussions to be very

interesting and the question was brought to me: Can suppliers actually join ICF in some form of membership?

Next year we will be in Moscow, in the following year it likely is Cape Town, then Buenos Aires and we have heard of one vote for Bali, Indonesia after that.

I do want to thank all of our session chairmen for the job they did so well. And obviously a great thank you to Thomas and Renate for another well-organized Congress.

So I look forward seeing you all in the desert tonight for the sunset and some spirits in the tents.

Thank you!