

OFC is the largest global conference and exposition for optical communications and networking professionals. For 40+ years, the Optical Fiber Communication Conference and Exposition (OFC) has drawn attendees from all corners of the globe to meet and greet, teach and learn, make connections and move business forward.

Exhibitors:	560 on 340,000 square feet of exhibit space
Technical Presentations:	1,100+
Plenary Speakers:	Yasuhiko Arakawa, <i>Director of Institute for Nano Quantum Information, Director and Professor of Center for Photonics Electronics Convergence at Institute of Industrial Science, The University of Tokyo, Japan</i> Andre Fuetsch, <i>Senior Vice President of Architecture & Design, AT&T, USA</i> Daniel Kraft, <i>Medicine & Neuroscience Chair, Singularity University, USA</i>
Service Provider Summit Keynote Speaker:	Margaret Chiosi, <i>Distinguished Network Architect at AT&T, AT&T, USA</i>
General Chairs:	Christopher R. Doerr, <i>Acacia Communications, Inc., USA</i> Ken-ichi Sato, <i>Nagoya University, Japan</i> Kathleen Tse, <i>AT&T, USA</i>
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Milestones

- 1975** – The first OFC, known then as Optical Fiber Transmission (OFT), takes place in Williamsburg, Va.
- 1979** – OFT changes its name to Optical Fiber Communication (OFC).
- 1985** – The first National Fiber Optic Engineers Conference (NFOEC) is hosted by the newly formed RBOCs and what was then Bellcore.
- 1995** – The Commercial Technology program is introduced at OFC to provide a high-level take on industry developments.
- 2000 - 2002** – OFC is named *Tradeshow Week's* fastest growing association show in North America.
- 2003** – OFC launches the *Service Provider Summit* and *OFC's Market Watch: Business and Technology™*.
- 2005** – OFC and NFOEC join forces to create the world's most comprehensive optical communications event.
- 2010** – OFC/NFOEC 2010 dedicated to Nobel Laureate Charles Kao.
- 2013** – Software-defined networks, flexible grid and cloud/data centers emerge as key industry topics for exhibitors and conference programming.
- 2014** – Organizers simplify name to OFC to reflect the most current research and market trends in optical networking and communications.
- 2015** – OFC's 40th Anniversary. Developments in Internet of Things (IoT), silicon photonics and SDN drive discussions in conference and on exhibit floor.

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