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## SESSION 1: Executive Session

**Chairperson:** David B. Kiddoo; IWCS, USA

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**David B. Kiddoo**; IWCS, USA

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Dow Wire & Cable, Collegeville, PA, USA

**Dr. Brian Risch**; *Chair, IWCS 2021 Symposium Committee*; Prysmian Group, Claremont, NC, USA

## Plenary Session Awards

During the Plenary Session, the following awards were presented for last year's 2020 Technical Papers and Presentations.

### Jack Spergel Memorial Award for Outstanding Technical Paper

#### **Ruben Manikkam**

Heraeus Noblelight America, Maryland, USA  
"Optical Arrangement and Power Consumption for UV LED System Designs in Standard Draw Tower Configuration"

### Kitts-Kingsley Award for Best Presentation

#### **Michael Dodds**

Berk-Tek LLC, Pennsylvania, USA  
"Twisted Pair Ethernet Applications at Lengths Greater than 100m"

### Kitts-Kingsley Award for Best Presentation

#### **Brian Risch**

Prysmian Group, North America, USA  
"Structurally and Environmentally Robust Flexible 16 and 24 Fiber Ribbons for High Fiber Density Cables Compatible with Mass Fusion Splicing"

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## Plenary Session Keynote

### **Connectivity Needs for our New Normal World: Network Evolution in the Cable and Connectivity Space**

As the world moves towards our new normal, we are more dependent on connectivity than we have ever been before. Every business is becoming more and more connected, every person is becoming more connected in more ways than they ever thought imaginable. The COVID-19 pandemic has put the entire world through a massive forced experiment around more ways to connect digitally, and much of what we have done out of necessity is likely to stay even as the world moves towards a new normal.

The communications networks of today and tomorrow will be about connecting both people and machines, and providing a user experience that is more responsive and adaptable for the needs of the applications that provide value. This talk will discuss how these changes are affecting our society, and how cable and connectivity must evolve to support the new normal.

#### **Trevor Smith**

*VP of Strategy and Business Development, CommScope, Eden Prairie, Minnesota, USA*

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