

## Press Release

### For Immediate Release

**H1:** Earthing Conference 2026: With Surge & Lightning Protection to Showcase Advances in Grounding and Electrical Infrastructure Safety

**Teaser Intro:** IDC Technologies, the sister company of the Engineering Institute of Technology (EIT) and the Engineering College of Technology (ECT), will host the two-day Earthing Conference 2026 in May on the 20th and 21st, at the Park Regis, in Birmingham, UK.

The conference will run from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM BST on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, and from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM BST on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. It will bring together engineers, infrastructure specialists, and consultants involved in the design, testing, and maintenance of earthing and lightning protection systems.

The conference will highlight how emerging energy developments, like large-scale renewable installations and expanding transmission infrastructure, are shaping requirements for earthing design and long-term asset management. It is designed to deliver practical engineering knowledge by focusing on the challenges faced by professionals responsible for electrical safety, compliance, and asset reliability across modern power networks and industrial facilities.

Attendees will gain insights from real-world case studies and hear from distinguished industry leaders and keynote speakers with experience in system design standards of compliance and proven testing methodologies. The speakers will cover the limitations of Fall-of-Potential testing, earthing designs and discuss the implementation of a multi-level earthing system for the first in a new generation of British nuclear power stations.

### H2: Meet the Keynote Speakers

- On day one **Stuart McGirr**, Principal Electrical Safety Engineer at Electronet, will deliver a keynote presentation on “*Off-frequency Injection Testing Techniques to Verify Earth Grid Designs*”.
- On day two **Matthew Taylor**, Managing Director at MJT Earthing and Lightning Consultants Limited, will deliver a keynote presentation about “*Earthing Design to Safeguard Workers from Voltage Differing during Construction of Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station*”.

The conference will also feature a distinguished lineup of experts from industry, including:

- **Phillip Cottingham**, *Director at P & R Power Systems LTD*
  - **Ryan Smith**, *Design Director at P & R Power Systems LTD*
  - **Ayesha Irfan**, *Power Systems Engineer at Enspec Power Ltd*
  - **Rowan McMurray**, *Engineering Director at Safearth*
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- **Ross Falconer**, *Principal Consultant at Aurora Power Consulting*
- **Dylan Charles**, *Senior Power System Studies Engineer at Aurora Power Consulting*
- **Dr. Niamat Ullah**, *Principal Power System Engineer at Jacobs Consulting UK*
- **Ken Atkinson**, *Senior Earthing Specialist at ESB Networks*
- **Awais Khawaja**, *Graduate Electrical Engineer at Enspec Power Ltd*
- **Daniele Cuccarollo**, *Electrical Engineer – Earthing Specialist at SINT srl*
- **Carl Johnstone**, *Director and Technical Lead at i4am*
- **Gordon McMurray**, *Specialist Engineer at Safearth*
- **Carmello Novella**, *Managing Director at Novella Group Pty Ltd TA Static Electricity Control*

#### **Delegate Package Highlights:**

- Arrival tea & coffee, morning tea, afternoon tea, and a full lunch service each day
- Entry to all conference sessions, presentations, case studies, panel discussions, and the conference soiree held at the Park Regis Hotel
- Printed and electronic access to all papers and presentations, updated post-event
- A Certificate of Attendance from IDC Technologies
- Optional dinners with speakers, sponsors, and delegates

#### **Sponsorship Opportunities:**

The Earthing Conference 2026: Including Surge & Lightning Protection, provides an exceptional platform to connect with engineering and safety professionals and showcase your solutions. If you are interested in sponsorship, click this link to view the prospectus or email [conferences@idc-online.com](mailto:conferences@idc-online.com) for more information.

#### **Registration and Conference Details:**

Be part of this important gathering as industry leaders share knowledge and innovations driving safer and more reliable earthing systems.

Register now to secure your place at this event. For further details, contact [conferences@idc-online.com](mailto:conferences@idc-online.com) or visit the [IDC Technologies](https://www.idctechnologies.com) website.



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