

Fiber today

Today, fiber goes faster and farther than anyone ever dreamed possible. Thanks to Corning innovations, optical fiber is pushing bandwidth limits and creating a more connected world.

~8 billion km have been deployed, enough to travel to the sun
54x

A 2 mm-diameter optical fiber would be strong enough to support the weight of a car

150,000x
faster than a CAT 5 Ethernet connection
and enough to support 30 million simultaneous HD video streams

A single optical fiber can carry **>150 Tb** per sec

3x
stronger than high-tensile steel

40,000x
clearer than a diamond

6x
stronger than titanium

Simply put, today's high-speed connections for Internet, voice, and video would not be possible without Corning innovations in optical fiber.

Fiber through the years

For more than five decades, Corning optical fiber innovations have revolutionized the way the world communicates and connects.



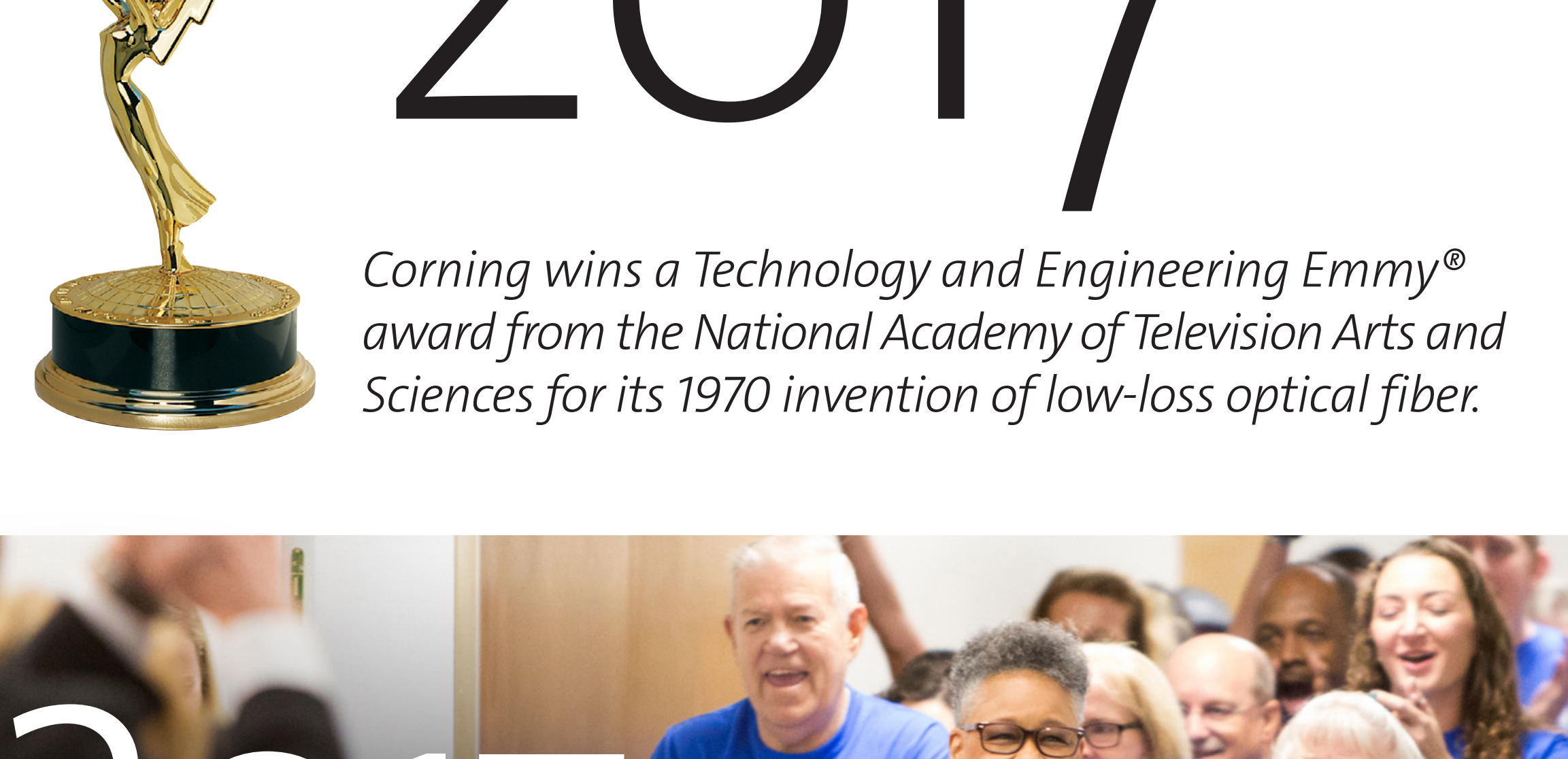
1970

Three Corning scientists achieve a breakthrough by creating the first low-loss optical fiber for telecommunications.



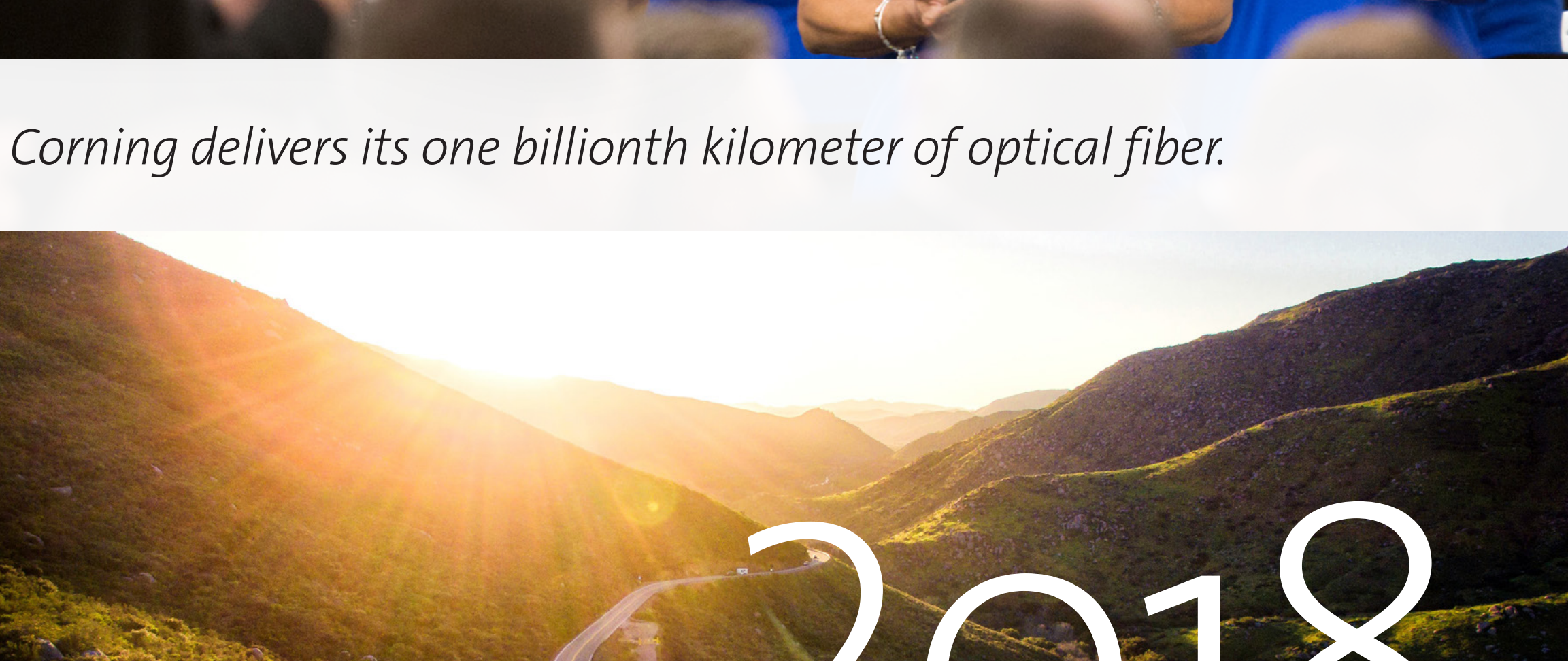
1983

Corning single-mode fiber is used for the first long-haul network, connecting New York to Washington, D.C.



1989

Corning takes connections underwater, delivering low-loss performance for submarine networks.



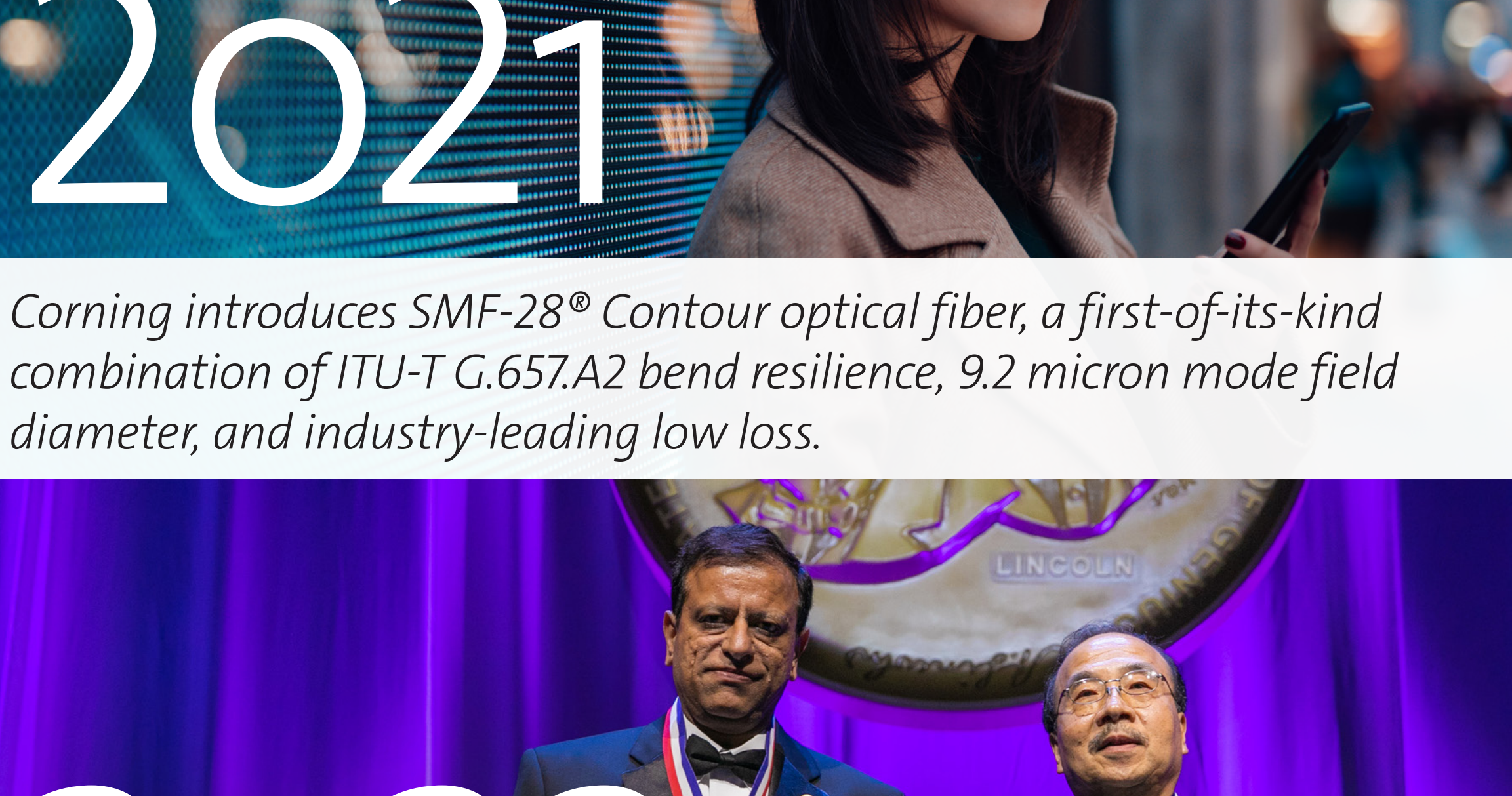
1998

Long-haul Corning® LEAF® optical fiber helps networks connect farther and faster.



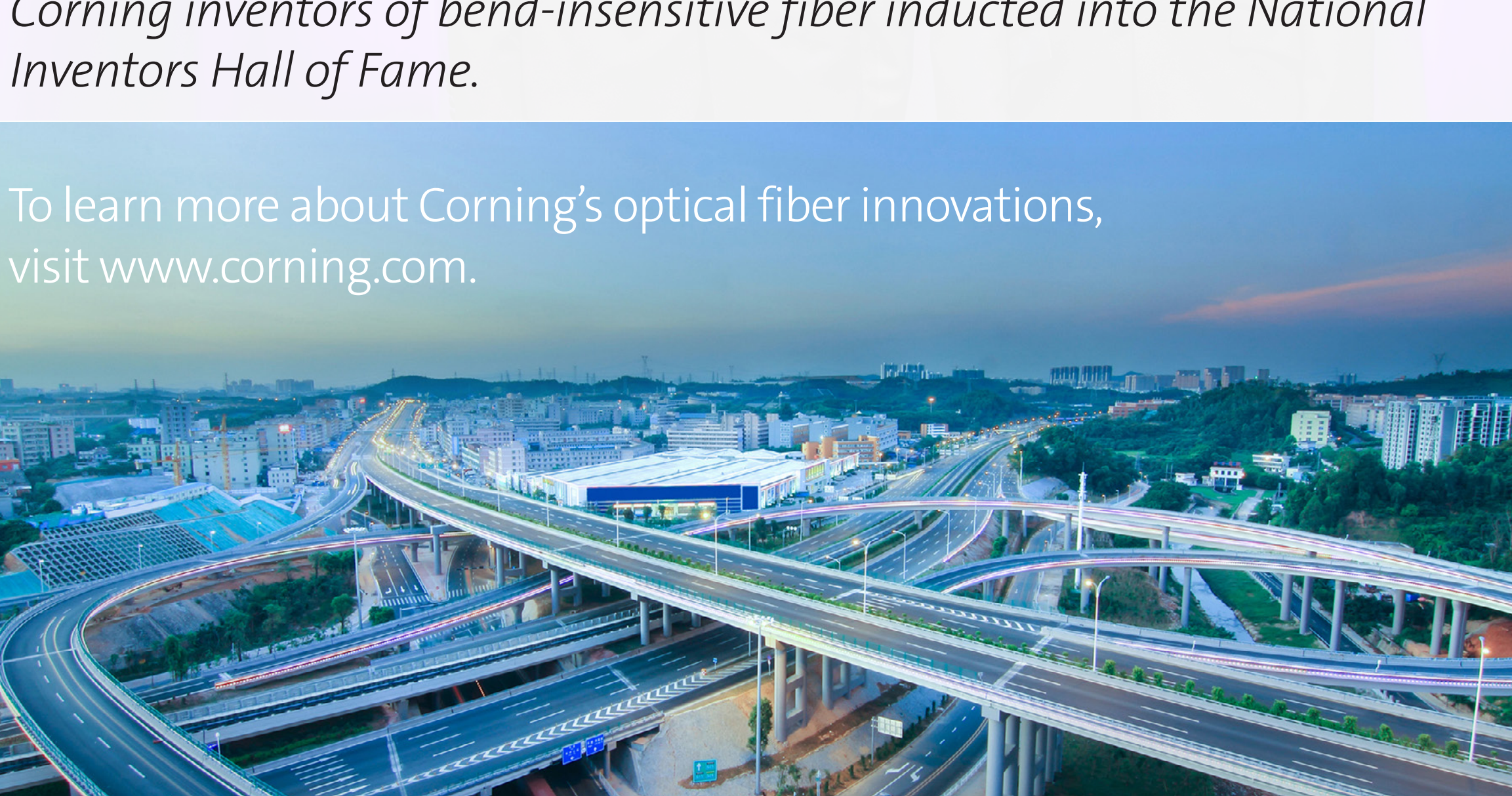
2007

Ultra-bendable Corning® ClearCurve® optical fiber fundamentally changes the way fiber is deployed, helping bring fiber into the home.



2015

Corning introduces SMF-28® Ultra 200 optical fiber, a smaller diameter fiber enabling higher density and providing the bend and low-loss attributes of SMF-28® Ultra fiber.



2017

Corning wins a Technology and Engineering Emmy® award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for its 1970 invention of low-loss optical fiber.



2017

Corning delivers its one billionth kilometer of optical fiber.

2018

Corning® TXF® fiber enables increased capacity in the face of the Shannon limit.

2020

Corning celebrates its 50th anniversary of the invention of low-loss optical fiber.

2021

Corning introduces SMF-28® Contour optical fiber, a first-of-its-kind combination of ITU-T G.657.A2 bend resilience, 9.2 micron mode field diameter, and industry-leading low loss.

2022

Corning inventors of bend-insensitive fiber inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

To learn more about Corning's optical fiber innovations, visit www.corning.com.

