

## **City at night**

As technology is beginning to offer a wide range of opportunities in terms of light adaptation, specifying the needs and requirements is becoming an issue. We are coming to understand that exterior lighting is more complex than only supporting road security and visibility; the issue deserves a holistic approach. Hence sociologists, urban planners, ecologists, and astronomers must become full partners of the CIE community.

Here and there, with energy saving efforts and battle against light pollution, there are some nowadays who find light in cities to be optional. The variety of users to consider is growing: pedestrians, cyclists, roller-bladers, drivers, young, old, visually impaired... The activity is also very diverse in time and space, because a city is a social place, a place to cross, a place to stay, a place to meet, a place to observe, a place to live in — and not only for humans. As a consequence, one definitely needs to study what the city is at night in order to enlighten the citizens and to smarten urban light.