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## International Year of Light – Global Open Lab Days (IYL-GOLD)

The International Year of Light is an initiative of a large consortium of scientific bodies together with UNESCO. It will bring together many different stakeholders including scientific societies and unions; educational institutions; technology platforms; non-profit organizations; and private sector partners. The International Commission on Illumination (CIE) is proud to support this endeavour. CIE is the premier global organization in the science and art of light and lighting and it has an immense wealth of expertise: people and networks in a variety of disciplines, brought together nationally, regionally, and globally. CIE plans different activities at global and national level, and a central event will be the Global Open Lab Day (IYL-GOLD):

Around the world, laboratories will open their doors to the general public, demonstrating what measuring light is about and why it matters. This includes National Metrology Institutes (NMIs); industrial laboratories; universities; and public testing laboratories. However, the IYL-GOLD is not limited to lighting measurement labs: all laboratories dealing with light, lighting, optical radiation, laser, astronomy and other related topics are cordially invited to participate!

In order to promote a high profile for the event, the IYL-GOLD will take place over one day or several days, as decided by the laboratory, within a proposed range of dates, namely May 9 to May 25, 2015. Each laboratory that would like to participate is asked to submit their relevant information (including proposed date(s) and opening time, location, short abstract, hyperlink to their webpage, contact person, etc.) to the organizing committee. Registration is free of charge. The proposals are reviewed and entered into the IYL-GOLD-database made accessible to the general public through the CIE webpage. If possible, the information may also be made available to the public through an App for smart-phones and tablets. Laboratories taking part in the event can make use of the IYL-GOLD logo to promote their event.

CIE National Committees will also be encouraged to promote the event within their region. This includes contacting universities and other educational institutions to encourage participation as well as other forms of publicity. Other national organizations and individual laboratories are also welcome to promote the event. For example a laboratory may like to contact nearby universities or secondary schools and arrange a date for lab tours.

The proposed dates for IYL-GOLD are **May 9 to May 25, 2015**, as stated above. Individual laboratories can decide which day or days that they would like to be open, depending on their own convenience or availability.

Registration will open soon at <http://www.cie.co.at/index.php/IYL+2015>. For any further information please do not hesitate to contact CIE at [ciecb@cie.co.at](mailto:ciecb@cie.co.at).

We look forward to your participation in this exciting event to help promote the understanding of the various aspects of light around the world!