



International
Day of Light

Dear Supporters of the International Day of Light,

We are counting down the days to May 16, 2025, which will see the eighth celebration of the UNESCO International Day of Light, one of the most anticipated science events on the global calendar of United Nations observances. Since its inception in 2018, over 2800 activities and events have taken place in more than 100 countries, reaching and inspiring millions worldwide. We would like to thank you all for the hard work that has made the International Day of Light such a success.

As you will see from our [global calendar](#), activities are being organised worldwide for 2025, and we look forward to some fantastic celebrations. Indeed, some have already taken place! One of the unique features of the International Day of Light is the way it brings together so many diverse communities, and this is reflected in the tremendous range of topics that will be celebrated - science and technology, lighting and lighting quality, astronomy, education and more! In addition, 16 May is also the United Nations [International Day of Living Together in Peace](#), and we encourage organisers of events on 16 May to consider including broader discussions of this theme as well, perhaps linking with the cultural association of light as a symbol of inclusion and hope.

If you haven't planned any activities yet, remember that the International Day of Light celebrations do not all need to take place on the 16 May itself. While many will naturally be organised around that date and during the week that follows, events at any time of the year can receive International Day of Light association. Please [register](#) your events as soon as you can, and remember that we have simplified our registration form in case you are organising multiple events. As usual, the website contains useful information about all aspects of [event organisation](#). Also feel free to [review past events](#) for inspiration as well. Many people find this extremely useful as a way to get started.

And we appreciate just how much work and commitment goes into organising such events, so don't hesitate to let us know if you wish us to highlight your plans via our newsletter. This can be a great way to give you some well-deserved recognition! And if you may be involved in organising a technical or science-themed conference this year, why not think about including a special session related to outreach, education or training? Our experience is that such

sessions are very enthusiastically attended, and provide a great forum for meeting new collaborators.

We encourage you all to continue following and engaging with our social media channels using the hashtag #lightday2025 and the official channels: [@IDLOfficial](#) on X/Twitter, [@InternationalDayOfLight](#) on Instagram, [@InternationalDayOfLight](#) on Facebook, [@International Day Of Light](#) on LinkedIn. We have also launched a new social media account [@idlofficial.bsky.social](#) on Bluesky so we can reach out to the many scientists who are migrating to that platform.

And once again, we acknowledge the continued commitment and support from the Steering Committee and other partners. Information about our partnership and how to get involved is [here](#).¶

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