



The British Astronomical Association's Commission for Dark Skies -  
working towards star-quality lighting

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### International Year of Light

On 20 December 2013, The United Nations (UN) General Assembly 68th Session proclaimed 2015 as the International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies (IYL 2015).

The United Nations stressed the importance of sustainable development in lighting, and the need for quality lighting to improve the human experience.

**The British Astronomical Association's  
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heartily supports the

**Manifesto in the Context of the Year of Light**

issued by the

**Association Nationale pour la Protection du Ciel et de  
l'Environnement Nocturnes,**

and repeats the ANPCEN's appeal for a comprehensive approach to all aspects of lighting in order to benefit human health, the wild environment and our view of the night sky, part of the common heritage of all people. When all lighting saves energy, is directed when and where needed and respects the world into which it has been introduced, we shall indeed be able to celebrate its coming more than 100 years ago, and the part it plays in a technologically intelligent world.

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