

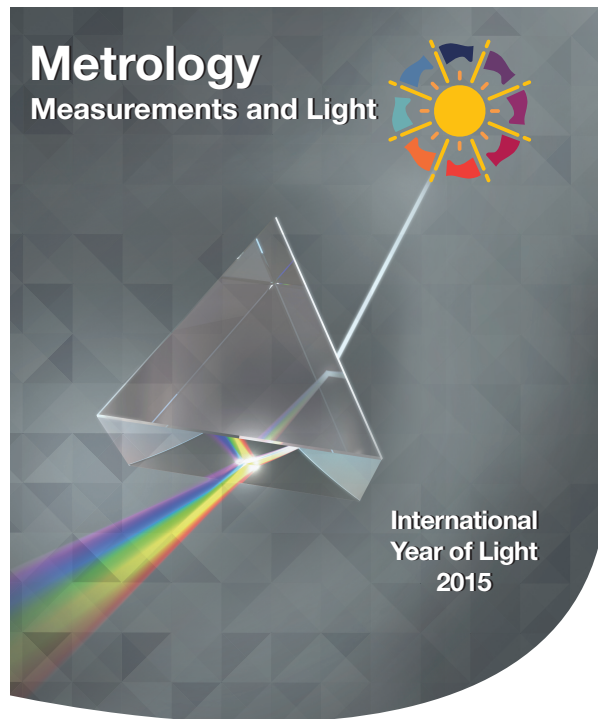
Measurements and Light

On 20 May 2015, World Metrology Day will join the 2015 International Year of Light (iyl2015.org), with day-long celebrations on the theme of Measurements and Light.

World Metrology Day celebrates the signature by representatives of seventeen nations of the Metre Convention on 20 May 1875. The Convention set the framework for global collaboration in the science of measurement and in its industrial, commercial and societal application. The original aim of the Metre Convention—the worldwide uniformity of measurement—remains as important today as it was in 1875.

The World Metrology Day project is realized jointly by the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM) and the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML). We hope that you enjoy this site and that your Country or Metrology Organization will join us and participate in this year's event.

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ICSU announces Dr. Heide Hackmann to be Executive Director and Dr. Lucilla Spini to be Head of Science Programmes

Heide Hackmann, a social scientist with extensive experience running international research organizations, will be Executive Director of the International Council for Science (ICSU) Secretariat from March 2015. Lucilla Spini, a biological anthropologist with experience in international science coordination, will take on the newly created role of Head of Science Programmes in early January.

Dr. Heide Hackmann joins ICSU from the International Social Science Council (ISSC), where she has been Executive Director since 2007. During her tenure she strengthened ISSC's activity profile, membership base and financial position, and forged strong links with the International Council for Science through key partnerships. These include the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk program and the Science and Technology Alliance for Global Sustainability, the consortium of international organizations that founded Future Earth, the new global research initiative on global sustainability, and coordinating input from the international scientific community on key policy processes at the United Nations. Hackmann also led the launch of the regular World Social Science Forums and spearheaded the development of a new series of World Social Science Reports. She initiated a new global social science research funding and coordination program on Transformations to Sustainability, which was launched in March 2014 as a major contribution to Future Earth. Hackmann was born in South Africa and completed her PhD in Science and Technology studies at the University of Twente, Netherlands in 2003. From then until 2007 she was Head of the Department of International Relations and National Quality Assurance and Director CO-REACH (an EU-funded multi-lateral initiative for the Coordination of Research between Europe and China) at the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW).

On 12 January 2015, Dr. Lucilla Spini took on the newly created post of Head of Science Programmes. In this role, she will manage the development and implementation of ICSU's scientific and science for policy initiatives, as defined in its Strategic Plan. Spini is an Italian national who holds a B.A. in anthropology from New York University, as well as an M.Sc. in human biology and D.Phil. in biological anthropology, both from the University of Oxford. Since 2001, she has worked on science/policy bridging, global environmental change, sustainable development and re-