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International Dark Sky Association Night Watch

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European Symposium 02-04 September

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10th European Symposium for the Protection of the Night Sky!
The Science of Light Pollution

2-4 September 2010, Kaposvár, Hungary

The main goal of the symposium is to exchange views among experts and activists working on the field of light pollution. The scientific program will be divided in several sessions, dealing with all aspects of obtrusive light. A special session 'Evolving Technologies as Solutions to Light Pollution' organized by IAU Commission 50 and CIE. will be held on Friday (September 3) afternoon.

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Free Seminar:

Introduction to the Model Lighting Ordinance and Outdoor Lighting Issues

When: **27 August 2010**

Location: George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Research 1 Building, Room 163

This session is designed to give designers, planners and individuals an overview of the IES/IDA Model Lighting Ordinance (MLO) that was released for public comment on 6/24/2010. The MLO is a template for municipalities to use to develop outdoor lighting standards. It is the most comprehensive document that has been developed that addresses in detail the majority of issues confronting planning and zoning officials. [Read more >>](#)

Schedule

9:30 a.m. Introduction to the MLO
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Uplight and Glare Issues
2:00 p.m. Blue-White Light Issues White Paper
3:00 p.m. Session Close

Online Registration is now open. [Click here>>](#)

[A brief history of luminance](#)

By Sam Biddle on Gizmodo

But some would like to see the spotlight taken off the quest for the brightest bulb, and an emphasis placed on wasting less light, not generating more. *Dwell* highlights Bob Parks, director of the International Dark-Sky Association, who thinks light has managed to creep into places it doesn't belong-particularly the evening. "The point of effective lighting," Parks argues, "is to use only the light you need, when you need it and to shield it so the light doesn't go where it's not wanted."

For its "[Bright Ideas](#)" issue, *Dwell* spans our efforts to push back the night, from Egyptian beeswax candles of 5,000 years ago, to radioactive thorium-burning gas lamps, to clean (and pricy) OLEDs still on the verge of ubiquity.

UNESCO and Dark Sky Places

[Star light, star bright - let's keep it that way](#)

By Dan Satherley, *3news.co.nz* - New Zealand, 05 August 2010

At a meeting in Brasilia on Tuesday, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation - or UNESCO - approved support for "monuments and sites, landscapes and cultural landscapes associated with astronomy to be recognised as part of human heritage".

Former Cabinet minister and ex-Lincoln University chancellor Margaret Austin says this is the first step on a "long road" to establishing what is known as a starlight reserve or 'dark sky park', where the night sky is protected from artificial light pollution...

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[Meteors can be viewed in dawn's early light](#)

Batesville Herald-Tribune - IN, USA 10 August 2010

To minimize the effect of local light pollution, which can obscure as many as half of the meteors, viewers should try to avoid artificial lights...

Dark Sky Updates

[Instead of charging streetlight fee, let's use them more efficiently](#)

By Scott Regener, *Post Bulletin* - Rochester, MN, USA, 07 August 2010

The current streetlight design is a horrible example of light pollution - defined as light that hits somewhere other than the intended area, quite often up into the sky where it serves no one...

[Lighting up the night](#)

Anderson Independent Mail - SC, USA, 03 August 2010

Can shedding light on the problem help alleviate crime? That's what the residents of the Anderson neighborhood usually called the "alphabet streets" will find out. Over the weekend, volunteers installed 50 motion-activated security lights on homes in the area...

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