

International Astronomical Union General Assembly

Beijing, China, August 20-31, 2012

Special Session 17 — Light Pollution: Protecting
Astronomical Sites and Increasing Global
Awareness through Education
August 29-31, 2012

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Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012; 10:30am-12:30pm

- E1 Media & Dark-Skies Images Worth a 1000 Words
Public Outreach on Light Pollution by Amateur
- E2 Astronomers

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012; 2:00-3:30pm

- E3 Role of Planetaria & Science Centers in Outreach
on Light Pollution
- E4 Light-Pollution's Effects on Wildlife & Health
Issues

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012; 4:00-6:00pm

- E5 Light-Pollution Education: The Role of the School
to Change the Social Vision of this Global
Problem
- E6 Education through Global Star-Hunting & "Nights
of Darkness" Campaigns

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012; 6:00-7:30pm

- Social & potential Planetarium Show (Beijing
Planetarium)

Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012; 10:30am-12:30pm

- E7/T1 Dark Skies Measurements for Education and Site
Monitoring

Discussion of E1-E6 & especially E7/T1

Friday, Aug. 31, 2012; 8:30-10:00am

- Dark Sky Places, Starlight Reserves and Astro-
E8/T2 Tourism

- Light pollution Education and Protecting
E9/T3 Observatory Sites

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- E10/T4 Progress and Action Plan for Implementing IAU
2009 Resolution B5

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- T5 Spectra of artificial blue-rich sources
- T6 Observational studies most impacted by
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- T7 Astronomical input to lighting industry
development; prospects for success

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Translators needed for
GLOBE at Night's Teacher
Guide and Family Guide
(only 4 or 5 pages each).

See Connie Walker or
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Thank-you!!!

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