

The Adler Planetarium Opens New Long-Term Exhibition at O'Hare International Airport – *Light: Beyond the Bulb*

CHICAGO – November 30, 2015 – To celebrate the United Nations' International Year of Light and Light-Based Technologies (IYL), the Adler Planetarium has installed a new long-term exhibition, *Light: Beyond the Bulb*, at O'Hare International Airport. Located in the CTA concourse at O'Hare International Airport, *Light: Beyond the Bulb* consists of 56 breathtaking images illustrating the central role light plays in technology, medicine, and astronomy. The exhibition is a collaborative production of the Adler Planetarium, the International Society for Optics & Photonics, the Chandra X-ray Center, and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

Through the IYL, the United Nations seeks to show the world's citizens the importance of light and optical technologies in their everyday lives, for their futures, and for the development of society.

Light in all of its forms allows us to communicate, entertain, explore, and understand the world we inhabit and the Universe we live in. *Light: Beyond the Bulb* demonstrates examples of the many wonderful things that light can do and shows visitors how different their lives would be without it.

The photos for this exhibition were contributed by the public through an open call for images in 2014. The photos were curated especially for O'Hare International Airport by the Adler Planetarium and contain many contributions that show how astronomers use light in its various forms—from radio waves to microwaves—that are largely invisible and undetectable without modern technology.

About the Adler:

The Adler Planetarium—America's First Planetarium—is more than a museum; it is a laboratory, a classroom, and a community exploring the Universe together. Each year, nearly 500,000 visitors experience the museum's interactive exhibitions, live planetarium shows, hands-on, minds-on STEM education programs, and world-class collections. Founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, the Adler Planetarium is a recognized leader in public engagement. The museum's scientists, historians, and educators inspire the next generation of explorers and invite you to explore space with us.

