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**Press Release**

## **LIGHTINGEUROPE CONGRATULATES NOBEL PHYSICS LAUREATES**

BRUSSELS, Belgium -- LightingEurope warmly congratulates the recipients of the 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics: Isamu Akasaki, Hiroshi Amano and Shuji Nakamura.

Their invention of the blue light-emitting diode (LED) has revolutionised the industry and the world.

LightingEurope welcomes this news and applauds their achievements, particularly on the eve of the International Year of Light.

“The invention of efficient blue light-emitting diodes has definitely revolutionized the way we light our homes, schools and offices. It is something that humankind will directly benefit from”, says Mr. Diederik de Stoppelaar, Secretary General of LightingEurope.

*LightingEurope is an industry association of 33 European lighting manufacturers, national associations, and companies producing materials. LightingEurope members represent over 1,000 European companies, a majority of which are SMEs; a total workforce of over 100,000 people in Europe; and an annual turnover estimated to exceed 20 billion euros. LightingEurope is dedicated to promoting efficient lighting practices for the benefit of the global environment, human comfort, and the health and safety of consumers.*

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