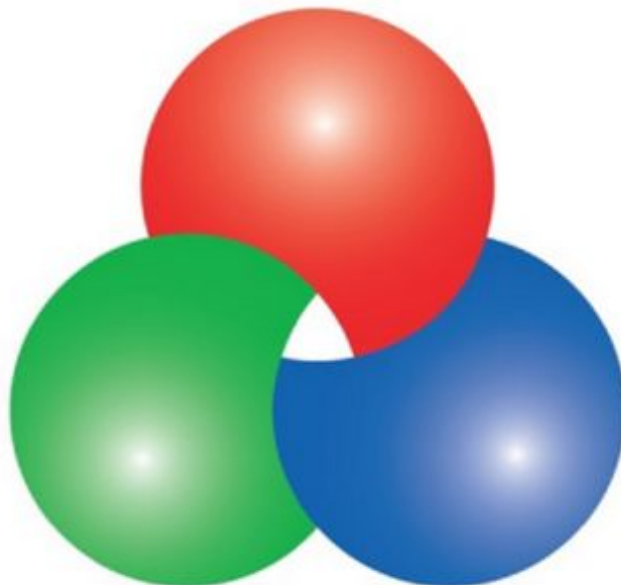




21 October is the Day of Photonics

Raising awareness of what Photonics is and why it is important

October 21, 2020

On 21 October 1983, the General Conference of Weights and Measures adopted a value for the speed of light:

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To commemorate the anniversary of this important event each year, the European Photonics Industry Consortium (EPIC) launched the Day of Photonics, encouraging members of the Photonics ecosystem around the world to organize activities that encompass all kinds of demonstrations and discussions on the impact of photonics, a key enabling technology, on our day-to-day life.

In addition to conducting frontier research, ICFO is dedicated to training the next generation of scientists and technologists as well as providing knowledge and technology transfer, including Outreach, to all areas of society. Special days like the **Day of Photonics** allow us to

join the Photonics community in promoting awareness activities of all kinds.

Even in these uncertain times in which visits to ICFO and face-to-face meetings must be limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will offer activities that will allow us to keep ICFO's doors virtually open so that young people and adults can discover our institute and photonics.

Mark your calendar for two exciting Outreach events in the near future:

**** November 3- [Quantum Technologies in 5 minutes](#):** Offered in the framework of the European Quantum Week organized by the European Quantum Flagship. This online event will allow participants to connect with four scientists who will each have 5 minutes to explain in an engaging and inspiring way the importance of quantum technologies. The rest of the hour long event will allow students (14-18 years old) to interact and ask questions about the science and their careersZ

**** The ICFO Decide Game:** Coming soon! A new digital, interactive and multidisciplinary activity that will allow visitors to meet ICFO scientists and immerse themselves in the realm of ICFO and photonics from wherever they are and in a safe way. **Stay tuned for more information and to sign yourself or your class up to participate in this new online activity.**

