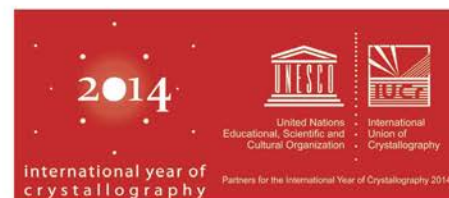


# International Year of Crystallography 2014

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Dear Colleague

A short video to launch the International Year of Crystallography is now ready, thanks to the work of Juanma Garcia-Ruiz, Javier Trueba (MADRID SCIENTIFIC FILMS) and the staff of the IUCr.

A Virtual Press Conference "What crystallography can do for you" is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 12 December, 13:00hrs GMT** (14:00hrs CET, 08:00hrs EST), featuring:

- The first public screening of the video;
- Messages from the UNESCO D.G., Ms Irina Bokova, the President of the IUCr, Professor Gautam R. Desiraju, and Ms Georgina Ferry, science writer, broadcaster, and author of biographies
- A Q&A session, with the participation of Professor Mike Glazer, Emeritus Professor, Jesus College Oxford, UK to answer the questions of the journalists, and Dr Jonathan Agbenyega, IUCr Business Development Manager, as moderator;
- A unique download area providing articles, images, transcripts of messages and other related media material.

We need the contribution of the whole crystallographic community in order to disseminate our message to all parts of the world. A letter of invitation to journalists to take part in the press conference is attached. Please, forward this to all members of your national associations and/or IYCr Committee, so that everyone can use their own contacts to extend the invitation.

After the press conference, the video, the transcripts of messages and Q&A session, and all the material will be available on the IYCr2014 web site.

We would very much appreciate if persons could volunteer to translate the material into their own language, so that the same material can be conveniently used by local media.

Best wishes,

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