Paris
Professional Lighting Design Convention
1. – 4. November, 2017
– shift happens –
Mark the date for the global Thought Leadership event in Lighting Design


◆ PLDC 2017 will mark a further step in the pursuit to officially establish the architectural lighting design profession. The chosen location for this event will be Paris, the most visited city worldwide!

◆ The French capital looks forward to playing a significant role in supporting PLDC 2017, and the PLDC organisers will be cooperating with key persons in the Paris’ Municipality to take the event to a new level. Paris was one of the first cities to start using street lights during the Great Exhibition of 1889, and was promptly referred to as the City of Light. The city fathers now have the chance to regain the title in the modern sense as the first “City of Light 4.0”. By the year 2020, Paris is planning to change its public lighting system radically. In future, more emphasis will be placed on the needs of pedestrians and cyclists with lighting.

What is PLDC?

◆ Based on the proven success of the PLDC concept, the convention will again be built around a three-day professional conference offering up to 90 professional papers given by high-profile speakers from the world of lighting design, architecture, research, city planning, daylight design and other related professions. Three tracks will be offering traditional 45-minute presentations, the Lighting Application Research track will adopt a new format comprising 20-minute scientific papers.

A Call for Papers will be issued in September 2016. The convention will also include invited Keynote Speakers, a manufacturers’ exhibition, pre-convention meetings, excursions to lighting / architectural projects, social events, moderated discussion, the final round of The Challenge, self-running electronic poster presentations, lighting installations in the City of Paris and a Gala Dinner during which the Professional Lighting Design Recognition Awards will be given for outstanding achievements in Architectural Lighting Design. PLDC offers further and continuing education in the field of lighting design and the presentation of cutting-edge technologies. PLDC 2017 will comprise the next chapter in a history of successful conventions.

◆ Bringing together the Professional Lighting Design community!
PLDC 2017 is expected to attract more than 1700 attendees from all over the world. Professionals from different fields of practice and research will be coming together to discuss and exchange ideas, approaches and concepts. This international and interdisciplinary understanding of lighting design supports the continuing process to gain recognition for this specialist discipline and for the profession as a whole. Strategic partnerships are in preparation.

The motto of the 6th PLDC will be “Shift happens!” – pointing to the dramatic changes on the lighting design landscape, the impact of digital technologies and the processes the design community will have to undergo to adjust to changing conditions. Substantial changes are anticipated in the public realm with regard to structural reorganisation. Lighting programmes in towns and cities in future will be addressing issues such as atmosphere and energy savings to the same extent.
PLDC is not only a conference, it is a vivid platform of exchange during the various “side” events such as excursions, moderated discussions and, of course, the evening events.

“By far the best PLDC we have had so far – for many reasons.”
Leif Orkelbog-Andresen, Martin Professional, Denmark

“I'd like to express my joy and appreciation for this year's PLDC. I think you did a marvellous job, especially with the Gala Dinner which was mind-blowing! Many thanks for your outstanding effort!”
Kerem Asfuroglu, Speirs + Major, UK

“Kudos to Joachim and the rest of the PLDC crew for a job well done. Another unforgettable PLDC has passed and all sights are now directed to PLDC 2017 in Paris! I consider the PLDC week to be a life event for me as a lighting designer. (…)”
Michael Santiago, Philips Lighting Saudi Arabia, Saudi Arabia

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Top 10 attending nations in 2015

Attendees per year

Former PLDC attendees came from

Albania, Australia, Austria, Argentina, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Palestine, the Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay, the Vatican, Vietnam and the USA.

PLDC 2015 facts

- Four conference tracks + the final round of the Challenge with 71 papers
- 1717 registered participants from 63 different countries
- 780 guests at the PLD Recognition Awards

PLDC 2015 partners

- 66 partners from industry
- 25 international lighting associations
- 38 universities and institutes
- 23 media partners
- 13 Partner Cities
- 12 Partner Events

PLDC 2015 convention elements

- 71 high profile presentations
- Pre-convention meetings
- Experience Rooms
- Moderated discussions
- Excursions to projects in the city

PLDC 2015 convention elements

- Social events
- Gala Dinner and PLDR Awards
- Final round of the Young Designers’ Speaker Competition – The Challenge
I would like to thank you very much for the wonderful PLDC we experienced in Rome! The conference was really interesting and many inspiring lectures have raised the self confidence of our Italian colleagues. Now we know we can really do something for the profession in our country. (...)

Roberto Corradini, Roberto Corradini Lighting Design, Italy

Thank you so much for hosting my presentation in Rome. The conference was so much fun, and so interesting. It really did blow my mind at times! (...)

Andrew Sainsbury, The Flaming Beacon, Australia

I would like to thank you for the fantastic PLDC in Rome. It is great to see what you have built up. It is exciting and inspiring to listen and talk to so many colleagues that share the same enthusiasm for light and to meet so many lighting friends from all over the world.

Iris Podgorschek, podpod Design, Austria

I just want to thank you for putting so much work and time into giving us this amazing experience. Thank you for the fantastic opportunity to meet so many interesting people and for the chance to learn so much and to exchange ideas and experience. And to be inspired! I enjoyed every moment in Rome. And I am looking forward to Paris.

Aleksandra Stratimirovic, Sweden
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