

A Statement Describing Specific Light Pollution Problems

1. Greenhouses in the Netherlands are so bright at night, that they are a threat to the nighttime environment.
2. There is a possible development of giant mirrors in space to illuminate the Earth at night. If implemented, this project would be a threat to the nighttime environment.
3. There is a general and rapid growth in light pollution in all European countries that must be reversed: for example, in Northern Italy there was a threefold increase in sky glow between 1980 and 1994.
4. Lighting's effects on crime are a matter of debate. The supposition that more lighting will defeat crime may not be true: in some instances the opposite may be the case. More scientific studies are urgently needed to determine the actual impact on crime.
5. Because it is evident that there are many impacts of artificial lighting on nature, much more support is needed for research to prevent irreversible changes in biodiversity in both flora and fauna, adversely affecting ecosystems.

The attendees of the 3rd European Symposium encourage action immediately to resolve these issues.

Signed by all attendees on 13 September 2003