Snapshots

Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, visits the CMS experiment with Sergio Bertolucci, CERN Director for Research and Scientific Computing. (CERN-PHOTO-201501-019-2)

As part of the International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies, CERN publicises its own luminous project, the High-Luminosity LHC, through a series of lectures at the Globe of Science and Innovation. (CERN-PHOTO-201502-026-8)

The CMS collaboration takes pupils from schools near CERN on a tour of its experiment. Over two days, 600 pupils descended 100 metres underground to admire the giant detector. (CERN-PHOTO-201502-034-48)
One of the highest-ranking Buddhist masters, His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa XII, with CERN Director-General, Rolf Heuer, during the event “Science Meets Buddhism: Great Minds, Great Matters”. (CERN-PHOTO-201503-054-20)

Eight months before the return of Star Wars to the big screen, CERN confirms the existence of the Force... it’s April Fools’ Day again! The joke quickly goes viral... (CERN-PHOTO-201504-062-1)

CERN donates computing equipment, including 224 servers, to the CIIT institute in Islamabad, Pakistan. In August, another batch of computing equipment was donated to Mexican institutes (see p. 31). (CERN-PHOTO-201503-042-2)

Matteo Renzi, Prime Minister of Italy, visits the LHC accelerator with Rolf Heuer, CERN Director-General, Fabiola Gianotti, CERN Director-General Designate, and Lucio Rossi, leader of the High-Luminosity LHC project. The Prime Minister also visited the ATLAS control room and experiment cavern. (CERN-PHOTO-201507-150-36)
In July, a succession of special VIP visitors get CERN rocking. The members of the German rock band Scorpions (photo) and the Irish group The Script both made a stop at CERN.


Soraya Sáenz de Santamaría, Spain’s Deputy Prime Minister, visits the LHC superconducting magnet assembly hall with José Miguel Jiménez, head of the Technology department.
The winners of the Beamline for Schools competition present their experiment to members of the CERN Council and ambassadors. The two teams of high-school students spent ten days at the Laboratory (see p. 33). (CERN-PHOTO-201509-183-109)

Six hundred people attend the third TEDxCERN event, held in the assembly hall of the CMS experiment, on the theme “Breaking the Rules”. Scientists from various fields presented ideas and innovations with the potential to change our lives. (CERN-PHOTO-201510-198-347)

At the United Nations Office at Geneva, CERN representatives and UN delegates discuss the Laboratory’s international cooperation model in a conference entitled “The CERN Model, United Nations and Global Public Goods”. (OPEN-PHO-HIST-2016-002-1)

HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand marvels at CERN’s technology during tours of the crystals laboratory, ISOLDE and LEIR. A collaboration agreement between CERN and Thailand’s Synchrotron Light Research Institute (SLRI) was signed during the visit. (CERN-PHOTO-201511-237-39)