Bruker congratulates the IUCR to the proclamation of the International Year of Crystallography (IYCR). As one of the world's leading analytical instrumentation companies, Bruker enthusiastically supports the IYCR activities to increase public awareness of the science of crystallography with a variety of activity. In addition to a direct donation to the IUCR our customers participate in the IYCR’s Openlab initiative with state-of-the-art instrument in Pakistan, South Africa, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam. During the entire year Bruker supports meetings and conferences and organizes workshops and user meetings to inspire new blood as well as old hands. In countries with a small base of installed instruments Bruker contributes to the OpenLab initiative loaning a complete for the entire year 2014. Education and research at sites in Ivory Coast, South Africa, Morocco, Indonesia & Brazil benefit from this single crystal X-ray diffraction solution. The system is covered by a free-of-charge service contract and warranty. Personnel from each site receive training prior to the arrival of the instrument and get unlimited support by Bruker’s service desk. Bruker is happy to contribute with knowledge, instrumentation and sponsorship to the success of the IYCr all over the planet. We are convinced that the combined efforts of the global crystallographic community demonstrate the importance of crystallography in most technological developments and increase interest in this interdisciplinary method. The talk will provide an summary on the events held, the impact achieved and provide an outlook on activities planned for the remaining IYCR.

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