

#### Dynamic lighting for well-being in work places

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#### Lighting design Visual aspects



## Lighting design Emotional aspects



### Lighting design Light & well-being: all aspects



#### Lighting design Non-visual aspects



#### Non-visual aspects of light Cross-section of a human eye



#### Non-visual aspects of light Suprachiasmatic Nucleus (SCN)



The main body clock is in the brain in a little area called the Suprachiasmatic Nucleus

Light is the most powerful time cue for humans

#### Effects of light

- Direct, non-circadian effects
- Circadian, phase shifting effects

#### Direct, non-circadian effects of light

- Light at night > suppression of melatonin, reduction of sleepiness
- Daytime bright light > reduce sleepiness and fatigue
- Bright light in the early morning > immediate increase of cortisol
- A temporary increase of light levels > raise vigilance
- Warm white light > relaxation
- Daylight-white light > stimulating

#### Bright light in the morning induces an immediate elevation of cortisol levels



#### Direct, non-circadian effects of light Relaxation and stimulation

"Warm white light facilitates relaxation and improves people's well-being while daylight-white stimulates and activates the human body"



#### Light at work Support the working people



## Natural daylight changes in brightness and colour temperature ...





#### ... and so does Dynamic Lighting



### Improving well-being A good start in the morning ...



Cool white light (5000 K)Warm white light (3000 K)

Lighting level(500 - 900 lux)

Good morning: > cool light, increased lighting level > raise the energy level > provide a good start of the day

## Improving well-being .... have a break ...



Cool white light (5000 K)Warm white light (3000 K)

Lighting level(500 - 900 lux)

Lunch time: > warm light, decreased lighting level > time to recharge batteries

# Improving well-being .... get over the 'post-lunch dip' ...



Cool white light (5000 K)Warm white light (3000 K)

Lighting level(500 - 900 lux)

Post-lunch dip: > cool light, increased lighting level > counter the 'post-lunch dip'

# Improving well-being ... get home safely and refresh.



Cool white light (5000 K)Warm white light (3000 K)

Lighting level(500 - 900 lux)

Happy hour:
cool light, decreased lighting level
raise concentration before going home

## Colour mixing with white fluorescent lamps











### Summary Direct effects of lighting

Lighting, dynamic in color temperature and level

can be used to increase

- alertness and relaxation, and with that
- motivation and well being

#### Alertness at night



### Night shift Problem

Lower alertness, higher risk of accidents

- Three Mile Island (1979)
- Chernobyl (1986)
- chemical accident in Bhopal (1984)
- Exxon Valdez (1989)
- Titanic hitting the iceberg

### Night shift Problem

- High incidence of drowsy-driving accidents
- Increased risk of developing colorectal cancer
- Increased risk of infertility, cardiovascular illness, diabetes and gastrointestinal disorders
- Increased social difficulties

### Night shift Normal behavior after night shift



- driving home around 6 a.m. body temperature rises
- straight to bed body temperatures keep rising
- peak around noon to 1 p.m. person typically wakes up
- between 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
   body temperature dips slightly good time to sleep

### Night shift Sleep

Night workers are forced to sleep during the day, when their circadian rhythm makes them feel more awake

- day sleep is usually shorter
- day sleep also is lighter
- rotating shift workers sleep the least of all

## Night shift ... and other side effects

- to stay awake during shift: use of coffee and other stimulants
- when shift is over: problems to fall asleep
- need to drink alcohol or take sleeping pills

#### Night shift Phase shift

Without additional means it takes

- 15 nights before core body temperature has adapted to night shifts (Monk et al. 1978)
- 24 hours to reset circadian rhythm of all organ systems by 1 hour (Jian M. Ding)

With means to entrain circadian rhythms, phase shifts of about 6 h can be realized (Eastman 1991)

# Night shift Solution?

Resetting internal circadian timing system

- imposed work / sleep schedules
- light therapy

Demonstrated benefits:

- better performance
- longer and more restorative sleep

#### Phase shift principles

- In laboratory research, people exposed to a few hours of bright light in the morning felt alert earlier in the day. They also felt sleepier earlier in the night.
- People exposed to bright light late in the afternoon felt most alert in late evening. Their low-point in alertness during the night also was delayed.

#### Phase shift principles



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#### Light at night Phase shift: advance & delay



#### Night shift Parameters

- timing
- light doses
- spectral distribution

- phase delay
- phase advance
- intensity
- duration
- melatonin suppression maximum around 460 nm
- type III ganglion cells melanopsin absorption maximum between 440-460 nm
- spatial light distribution
- sensitivity of the retina

## Night shift Proposal light therapy – shift start

- 30-minute light burst before shift
- 15 minutes of light every 2 3 hours during shift
- wear sunglasses and avoid any bright light when going home

Within three days, the body clock will have shifted to a night shift schedule

## Night shift Proposal light therapy – shift end

- receive bright morning light
- use the light in the morning for approximately 30 – 45 minutes
- wait at least three hours before going to sleep

### Projects Jeroen Bosch hospital



#### Projects Rhoon & Palace 't Loo



#### Night shift Problem areas

Constant exposure to conflicting light signals will weaken the circadian rhythm system and cause fatigue

### Night shift Application challenges

• Shift workers in areas where other people need to sleep (hospitals, care homes)

Task lighting, not interfering with circadian rhythms of people not involved in the task

- Rapidly rotating night shifts
- Single nights of work

Light that increases alertness during the night, but does not phase shift

#### Night shift



Light, without biological effect = Low effective in NIF (non-image forming) effects

#### Light at night Blue deficient light



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There were no significant differences in performance

between the nights under different conditions:

- bright light (800 lux)
- goggles letting through 800 lux, wavelength > 530 nm (Kayumov et al.)

### Summary Phase shifting effects of lighting

Lighting, dynamic in color temperature and level at night, darkness during the day

can be used to adapt the circadian rhythm to conditions that are not synchronous with it

If phase shifting is not required wavelength of the light needs to be taken into consideration

## Summary

Implementation of current results of research on biological effects of light

- (circadian) phase shifting effects
- (non-circadian) direct effects.
- adapt the circadian rhythm to conditions that are not synchronous with it
- to increase alertness and reduce sleepiness, during day- and nighttime

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