

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

At this time of the year the fog is a common weather phenomenon here in Switzerland. People living and working below the fog often see no sun at all for days on end. To get out of it is therefore a very special experience. Moving uphill, shortly before the fog lifts, it normally gets so thick that the view is limited to some meters only. In this case it is important to be geared to tightly spaced landmarks in order to stay on the right path. A few more meters higher up and you might feel liberated – the sun warms not only the body, but also the soul, intensified by the marvelous view.



vario-optics fared similarly in 2014. Sometimes we had to take small steps to proceed in order to tackle the challenges systematically and to reach our ambitious goals eventually. At times they seemed to be far away, similar to the situation we experience in the fog. Thanks to patience and persistence we were able to cope with the upcoming tasks successfully and, thus, reach our goals.

For the first time we were able to present optical waveguides fully integrated in an inner layer. We invested in the infrastructure again, allowing us to extend our capabilities further (such as singlemode waveguides). We also successfully completed several customer projects. At least one of those products will be manufactured in series next year. Since we were able to rise our awareness level, we expect a high work load for the next year. Therefore, we are proud of what we have achieved during 2014 and we are looking forward to an exciting next year.

***The vario-optics team wishes you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.***

