

ESO, Garching on 15–17 September, 2008. The PIs of the ESO public surveys were invited to attend the workshop, together with two additional team members who would then be in charge of the preparation of the Phase 2 submission. More than 30 astronomers from both VST and VISTA survey teams attended the Phase 2 workshop.

During the workshop, each team was trained with the new survey Phase 2 tools installed on ESO computers, and invited to prepare OBs for the Phase 2 submission, equivalent to the first year of survey observations. Given the overlap in scientific

goals and the connection between the VISTA and the VST public surveys, the three VST PIs were also invited to join the corresponding VISTA teams for the Phase 2 preparation exercise.

The Survey Phase 2 workshop included a presentation of the VST and VISTA status, an overview of the survey telescope operations and the presentation of the Phase 2 tools. The second day was devoted to a demonstration of the Phase 2 tools, SADT and P2PP, followed by tutorials organised by the ESO Survey Team (EST). This interaction allowed a fruitful

exchange and feedback for further optimisation of the tools. On the third day the programme for VISTA science verification was presented to the survey teams, followed by a discussion on the science goals of the surveys and the readiness of the individual survey teams for the start of these challenging projects.

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Announcement of the Workshop

The E-ELT Design Reference Mission and Science Plan

26–28 May 2009, ESO Garching, Germany



As part of the FP7 funded “E-ELT Preparatory Phase” programme, ESO will host a three day workshop on the E-ELT Design Reference Mission (DRM) and the Design Reference Science Plan (DRSP). The aim is to bring together members of the community, various instrument study teams, members of the E-ELT Science Working Group and the E-ELT Science

Office at ESO to present and discuss the results of the DRM simulations. Details and first results of the DRSP will also be presented and discussed.

For further details and registration please refer to <http://www.eso.org/sci/facilities/eelt/science/drm/workshop09/>.

Announcement of the Workshop

Imaging at the E-ELT

29 May 2009, ESO Garching, Germany



Also as part of the FP7 funded “E-ELT Preparatory Phase” programme, ESO will host a one day workshop on the specific topic of “Imaging at the E-ELT”. The aim is to bring together members of the community currently working on wide field imagers on 4–8 m-class telescopes and on topics related to imaging at the ELT. The goal is to explore synergies with

and alternatives for wide field imaging at the E-ELT. This workshop will take place immediately after the workshop on the E-ELT Design Reference Mission and Science Plan (see above).

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