

Personnel Movements

Arrivals (1 July–31 September 2011)

Europe

Neumayer, Nadine (DE)	User Support Astronomer
Llopis, Elena (ES)	Internal Auditor
Pfrommer, Thomas (DE)	Laser Engineer
Krumpe, Mirko (DE)	Fellow
Galvan-Madrid, Roberto (MX)	Fellow
Tremblay, Grant (US)	Fellow
Pedretti, Ettore (IT)	Instrument Scientist
Wylezalek, Dominika (DE)	Student
Manara, Carlo Felice Maria (IT)	Student

Chile

Phillips, Neil Matthew (GB)	Test Scientist
Schuller, Frédéric (FR)	Operations Astronomer
Carlier, Arnaud (FR)	Head Of Engineering Department
Parra, Jose (CL)	Deputy Data Manager
Nakos, Theodoros (GR)	Test Scientist
Pizarro, Leonel (CL)	Administrative Clerk
Vera, Sergio (CL)	Telescope Instruments Operator
Mehner, Andrea (DE)	Fellow

Departures (1 July–31 September 2011)

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Schwarz, Joseph (US)	Software Manager
Sforna, Diego (IT)	Software Engineer
van Belle, Gerard (US)	Instrument Scientist
Correia Nunes, Paulo (PT)	Software Engineer
Eglitis, Paul (GB)	Head of Archive Department
Fox, Andrew (GB)	Fellow
Venemans, Bram (NL)	Fellow
Teixeira, Paula Stella (PT)	Fellow
Klaassen, Pamela (NL)	Fellow
Béchet, Clémentine (FR)	Optical Engineer
Nunez Santelices, Carolina Andrea (CL)	Student
Ricci, Luca (IT)	Student
Van Der Swaelmen, Mathieu (FR)	Student
Motalebi, Fatemeh (IR)	Student



The Spanish Minister for Science and Innovation, Cristina Garmendia Mendizábal visited Paranal on 1–2 August 2011. Minister Garmendia (third from left in the photograph) was accompanied by Carlos Martínez Riera, Director General for International Cooperation at the Ministry for Science and Innovation (MICINN), Xavier Barcons, Spanish delegate and Vice-president of the ESO Council, and Juan Manuel Cabrera, Spanish Ambassador in Chile. The

group was hosted at Paranal by the ESO Director General, Tim de Zeeuw, the ESO Representative in Chile, Massimo Tarengi, and the Director of Operations, Andreas Kaufer.

The minister visited the VLT control room and took part in the start of observations from the console of one of the VLT Unit Telescopes. The following day, the group traveled through the Atacama Desert to

ALMA, the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array. Minister Garmendia visited the Operations Support Facility (OSF), where ALMA antennas are being assembled and tested, and then she continued to the 5000-metre-high plateau of Chajnantor to see the ALMA antennas that have been installed so far at the ALMA Operations Site. See Announcement ann11050 for more details.