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very central parsec of the Milky Way, attracted by the beautiful images captured by NACO at the VLT, and the simple life philosophy of my soon-to-become supervisor. When I admitted that I was having trouble choosing between his project and another PhD project related to star formation, he just said: Don't worry, it's not a matter of life and death. And it obviously was not, not that time, and not at any time in my life after that. From time to time, I still find it healthy to remind myself of that.

After the PhD, I stayed for a short postdoc at the University of Cologne, until I got an opportunity to change not only the city I lived in, but also the science focus of my research. My old interest in star formation lead me to take up a postdoc dealing with brown dwarf formation at the

University of Toronto. Two years later, I continued my continent-hopping tour, to land in Chile and start the ESO Fellowship.

My duty station is Paranal, and although we all like to complain about the tiring night shifts, it is a special and fascinating place to be. For me maybe even more special, since it is the first observatory I've ever been at, and Unit Telescope 1 is the first telescope I ever observed with (how spoiled that sounds)! I sit on my favourite spot near the mountain top, and look at that bare, calm, vast desert, and again the same old thought comes back of how small we are, and how preoccupied we are by insignificant things. Have I changed at all since I was 15?

Personnel Movements

Arrivals (1 Jan–31 March 2014)

Europe

Aniyan, Suryashree (IN)	Student
Chira, Roxana-Adela (DE)	Student
Coccatto, Lodovico (IT)	Astronomer
Csépanyi, Gergely László (HU)	Student
Lampinen, Mervi Johanna (FI)	Head of IT Unit
Saulder, Christoph (AT)	Student
Szécsényi, Orsolya (HU)	Contract Officer
Zahorecz, Sarolta (HU)	Student

Chile

Perez, Maria Francisca (CL)	Procurement Officer
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Departures (1 Jan–31 March 2014)

Europe

Barbosa, Carlos Eduardo (BR)	Student
Bonzini, Margherita (IT)	Student
Bourtembourg, Reynald (FR)	Software Engineer
Gall, Elisabeth (DE)	Student
McPherson, Alistair (GB)	E-ELT Programme Manager
Michaleli, Anna (GR)	HR Advisor
Sirey, Rowena (GB)	Senior Advisor to the Director for Science

Chile

Garrido, Hernan (CO)	Student
Grellmann, Rebekka (DE)	Fellow
Sippel, Anna (DE)	Student
Vera, Enrique (CL)	Dome Mechanic