As a result, I ended up using all the facilities on Mauna Kea, except for the Submillimeter Array. Although I didn't make any ground-breaking discoveries, we were able to set upper limits on the surface water content of Jovian Trojans. The best lessons I learned from Dave are: you should never let self-doubt disturb your focus and that you should not be afraid of trying new things. Another of his mottos will always stay with me: perfection is the enemy of good enough.

After my PhD, I entered the new and expanding field of astrobiology. I was a postdoctoral fellow at NASA's Astrobiology Institute in Hawaii. Besides astronomers, my office-mates included geologists, biologists and oceanographers. Our areas of expertise were so different and yet we were always trying to find common ground between our seemingly disparate fields. I miss the days we spent talking about amino acids, genetic codes and meteoritic chondrules.

After kissing Mauna Kea goodbye, I flew to Chile and started work on Cerro Paranal, the other great temple of telescopes. The first year I spent in Chile turned out to be a very fruitful year. Using SINFONI, we observed the famous Siding Spring comet, C/2013 A1, which made a close approach to Mars, penetrating its atmosphere in mid-October of 2014. Around the same time all the Martian rovers, spacecraft, the Hubble Space Telescope and major ground-based telescopes were focusing on this comet. Using the new extreme adaptive optics instrument, SPHERE, my colleagues and I detected a new satellite of the multiple asteroid system, 130 Elektra. I have truly enjoyed the company of my warm-hearted ESO colleagues and fellows.

One night, I went out to look at the new laser for MUSE, propagating from Yepun. It was a clear night and the orange beam seemed to connect directly with the full Moon, as if the laser was shooting straight out from the Moon. Silver moonlight shone on the domes of the VLTs. Looking at the scene, I understood why people were willing to devote their entire lives to science and remain anonymous. Decoding the mysteries of the Universe is the ultimate reward for so many of us.

Personnel Movements

Arrivals (1 April–30 June 2015)

Europe	
Gunka, Manuela (DE)	Administrative Assistant
Gutierrez Cheetham, Pablo (CL)	Electronic Engineer
Man, Wing Shan (CN/HK)	Fellow
Meyer, Katarzyna (PL)	Budget Controller
Oberti, Sylvain (FR)	AO Physicist

Chile	
Cortes, Angela (CL)	Instrumentation Engineer

Departures (1 April–30 June 2015)

Europe	
Gojak, Domingo (DE)	Electronics Engineer
Lagos Urbina, Claudia del Pilar (CL)	Fellow
Liske, Jochen (DE)	Astronomer
Rakich, Andrew (AU)	Optical Engineer
Tobar Carrizo, Rodrigo Javier (CL)	Software Engineer
Wang, Yue (CN)	Student

Chile	
de Boer, Jozua (NL)	Student
Shultz, Matthew (CA)	Student