

cal research. As astronomers, we have the biggest laboratory in the world: the entire Universe. In most cases, the only experiments that astronomers can do is to observe. From the limited information obtained from observations, astronomers try to find underlying physics. That process is fascinating to me.

Then, by answering an advertisement from Paul Ho, I joined the summer student programme at ASIAA in my third year of college and started my first scientific research project. I worked with a postdoc on the Spitzer IRAC data of an H II region to study whether the H II region triggers the surrounding star formation activities. After the summer student programme I continued to work at ASIAA on a different topic with Nagayoshi Ohashi and Shigehisa Takakuwa, who later became my thesis supervisors. When I was in the fourth year of college I had taken most of the required courses so I spent time at ASIAA doing research. My project was

about gas kinematics in a young, low-mass protostellar source observed with the Submillimeter Array (SMA).

After I graduated from the physics department, I entered the Graduate Institute of Astrophysics in the National Taiwan University. My PhD thesis project was about observational studies of low-mass star-forming regions with the SMA and single-dish radio telescopes. In my third year of the PhD programme, the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) came online. It was a really exciting moment to see images of star-forming regions with unprecedented sensitivity. In particular, I had SMA and ALMA images of the same source on the same scale so I could see how powerful ALMA is, and that was just cycle 0 with the limited number of antennae and baseline lengths! I was very impressed and excited about the future of my research field. After I received my PhD I worked at ASIAA for three years in my first postdoc position. Then I moved to

ESO Headquarters in Garching as a fellow in 2016.

Here in Germany, the environment and culture are very different from those in Taiwan, my home country. I found it difficult to settle down at the beginning but now I enjoy life here very much. I feel very excited to be working at ESO. My favourite part is its diversity. At ESO, there are so many experts from different fields and with different expertise. This creates a lot of chances to gain new knowledge about astronomy. With new collaborations and access to the Very Large Telescope, I started a new project in the infrared. This aims to probe the inner regions (a few au) around protostars, and will provide complementary information to my previous studies at radio wavelengths. With the opportunities here I am also extending my research from star formation to protoplanetary disks and planet formation. Several exciting new projects have started and I am looking forward to obtaining new data and making new discoveries.

Personnel Movements

Arrivals (1 July–30 September 2017)

Europe	
Alas Da Cunha Dias Da Silva, Nelma (PT)	Administrative Assistant
Anderson, Richard (DE)	Fellow
Aoki, Misa (JP)	Student
Aros Pinochet, Francisco Ignacio (CL)	Student
Barcons, Xavier (ES)	Director General
Bhattacharya, Souradeep (IN)	Student
Hamanowicz, Aleksandra (PL)	Student
Hopgood, Joshua (UK)	Detector Engineer
Jerabkova, Tereza (CZ)	Student
Kellerer, Aglaé (FR)	Optical Engineer
Lapeyre, Pascal (FR)	ELT DMS Site Manager
Manara, Carlo (IT)	Fellow
Mancino, Sara (IT)	Student
Scholtz, Jan (CZ)	Student
van de Ven, Glenn (NL)	Astronomer
Verinaud, Christophe (FR)	AO Physicist/Analyst

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Angel, Maria Ester (CL)	Secretary/Technical Assistant
Garcés, Eduardo (CL)	Instrumentation Engineer
Minniti, Javier (AR)	Student
Paladini, Claudia (IT)	Operation Staff Astronomer
Razza, Alessandro (IT)	Student
Sedaghati, Elyar (IR)	Fellow
Thomas, Romain (FR)	Fellow

Departures (1 July–30 September 2017)

Europe	
Bristow, Pamela (UK)	Scientific Reports Typist
de Zeeuw, Tim (NL)	Director General
Ellis Richard, (UK)	Visiting Senior Scientist
Geeraert, Patrick (BE)	Director of Administration
Hallakoun, Naama (IL)	Student
Immer, Katharina (DE)	Fellow
Kakkad, Darshan (IN)	Student
McClure, Melissa (US)	Fellow
Popping, Gergely (NL)	Fellow
Szécsényi, Orsolya (HU)	Contract Officer
Visser, Ruud (NL)	Fellow
Walsh, Jeremy (UK)	Astronomical Editor
Xu, Siyi (CN)	Fellow

Chile

Aubel, Karla (CL)	Telescope Instruments Operator
Girard, Julien (FR)	Operations Astronomer
Pantoja, Blake (US)	Student