

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## VACANCY NOTICE

### Staff Astronomers on La Silla

Two staff astronomer positions at the La Silla Observatory are available starting in 1997 to integrate the teams responsible for the operation of the New Technology Telescope (NTT) and the medium-size telescopes (MPI 2.2-m, ESO 1.5-m, Danish 1.5-m, and Dutch 0.9-m). The telescope teams are multidisciplinary teams of 10–15 persons including astronomers, technicians, engineers, and night assistants. They are fully responsible for operations and are supported in the specialised technical areas by technicians and engineers from the so-called support teams (Optics, Detectors, IR, Mechanics, Electronics, and Software). There are 4 telescope teams in total. The scientific staff of each team consists of 2 staff astronomers and 2–4 post-doctoral fellows. Staff astronomers and fellows share the responsibilities of instrument support, acting as instrument scientists in charge of direct support of visiting astronomers at the telescope, documentation, upgrades, calibration plans and on-line data reduction facilities.

La Silla staff astronomers are based at the ESO centre in Santiago, and are required to spend at least 105 nights per year at La Silla. In addition to providing full services to support scientific research (library, computers, seminars, etc.), the ESO centre in Vitacura maintains a graduate student programme which provides funds for students of European universities to spend up to 2 years in Chile working towards their Ph.D. theses, in collaboration with astronomers from the ESO staff.

One of the staff astronomers acts, on a rotating basis, as Team Leader and as such assumes the task of providing supervision and motivation to all members of the team. Team Leaders are responsible for administering the Team's budget and monitoring the performance of the team members. Team Leaders report to the Observatory Director and are members of the Observatory Management Team. They receive managerial and administrative support from the Observatory Management for budgeting and personnel issues.

A Ph.D. in astronomy or equivalent degree and several years of post-doctoral experience in the areas of high dispersion optical spectroscopy, infrared imaging and/or spectroscopy, faint object photometry/spectroscopy, or adaptive optics is required. Staff astronomers must be able to provide sound scientific judgements on the many technical issues facing a modern observatory, and ESO therefore requires, and strongly supports and encourages staff astronomers to carry out dynamic and independent research programmes, using La Silla telescopes as well as facilities at other observatories. Active publication in leading journals is considered essential. Staff astronomers use up to 50 % of their time on research and are supported with excellent facilities and generous travel grants to attend conferences, work with collaborators and visit other observatories. Proven capability of working (or leading) in multidisciplinary teams will be an advantage.

Staff Astronomer contracts are for an initial period of 3 years, which may be extended up to another three years, with the possibility of an indefinite contract offer after the fifth contractual year.

Applications and four letters of recommendation should be submitted to ESO Personnel Services, Garching, by November 28, 1997.

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## PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS

### International Staff (1 July – 31 October)

#### ARRIVALS

##### EUROPE

ANGELONI, Elisabetta (I), Software Engineer (Archive Syst.)  
CARBOGNANI, Franco (I), Software Engineer  
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PULONE, Luigi (I), UpA DGDF  
BOAROTTO, Carlo (I), Software Engineer (Observ. Handling)  
DUPUY, Christophe (F), Opto-Mech. Technician  
MARIOTTI, Jean-Marie (F), Head of VLT Group  
PASQUALI, Anna (I), Astronomer ST-ECF  
FERRARI, Marc (F), Fellow  
SLIJKHUIS, Remco (NL), Student  
BRESOLIN, Fabio (I), Fellow  
GLINDEMANN, Andreas (D), Paid Associate VLT  
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WOUTD, Patrick (NL), Fellow  
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PITTICHOVÁ, Jana (SK), Student

##### CHILE

BÖHNHARDT, Hermann (D), Astronomer  
GONZALEZ, Jena-François (F), Fellow NTT Team  
LEISY, Pierre (F), Fellow  
JOGUET, Benoit (F), Student  
HAINAUT, Olivier (F), Fellow

#### DEPARTURES

##### EUROPE

BALLEMANS, Irma (NL), Adm. Asst. (Archives)  
CÔTÉ, Stéphanie (CDN), Fellow  
ZELLER, Kurt (CH), Head of Personnel