The 2nd NEON Archive Observing School

ESO Headquarters, Garching near Munich, August 30-September 9, 2006

LMC Region near the Tarantula Nebula at ESO Headquarters, Garching near Munich (montage)

ESO (Germany), Space Telescope European Coordinating Facility (Germany), Asiago Observatory (Italy), Calar Alto Observatory (Germany, Spain), Observatoire de Haute-Provence (OHP, France), Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris (IAP, France) and La Palma observatories (ING and NOT, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Spain and Nordic Countries) announce the second NEON Archive Observing School.

The purpose of the summer school is to provide the opportunity for young researchers to gain practical experience in observational techniques, data reduction and analysis and the use of virtual observatory tools. Students will carry out small research projects with archival data, centered on selected astrophysical topics, in small groups under the supervision of experienced astronomers. These practical exercises will be complemented by lectures on general observational techniques and archival research for both ground and space based astronomy.

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The school is principally open to astronomy PhD students and postdocs who are nationals of a member state or an associate state of the European Union. Applications from non-European students will also be considered, depending on the resources available.

The school is sponsored by the European Community, Marie Curie Actions and supported by the European Astronomical Society (EAS) and by OPTICON. The application deadline is April 30, 2006

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