

NRAO Offered a Cycle of Speeches about ALMA in Chile



Mauricio Pilleux with students from the Italian School in Santiago.

Mauricio Pilleux, NRAO Chilean Business Manager and North American ALMA Deputy Project Manager (Technical), gave speeches for doctors, university, and school students in the cities of Valdivia and Santiago, both in Chile. The talks were focused on releasing information to the public in relation to the ALMA project, giving detailed information about NRAO activities, and informing about job opportunities in ALMA.

Students from the Engineering Sciences Faculty at the Universidad Austral de Chile, in Valdivia, attended the speech "ALMA radio telescope: challenges and opportunities." Also, Pilleux offered two more speeches with the title "ALMA, technology and borders of the Universe" in the same city. One of them was presented to a group of doctors from the Regional Base Hospital, and the other one to students, professors and parents from the German School.

In Santiago this executive offered the last speech. This was given to primary and secondary students from the Italian School, where Pilleux talked about the fundamentals of radio astronomy and the development of the ALMA project.

The main focus of these conferences was the releasing of information to the public in relation to the ALMA project through high level experts; informing about operations at the other NRAO radio observatories located in the United States which help in the advanced search for the origins of the Universe; and informing about job opportunities in ALMA.

These speeches are interesting for the general public because people have the opportunity to receive information about a state-of-the-art project with important scientific consequences. It also will bring interesting and long term job opportunities to Chile.

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