
NRAO Scholarships to Chilean Students for the Eleventh Synthesis Imaging Workshop

Two Astronomy students from the Universidad de Chile were selected by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory to attend the Eleventh Synthesis Imaging Workshop. These students each received a scholarship to participate in this event that will take place from 10 to 17 June 2008 in Socorro, NM.

The NRAO chose Andrea Silva and Cinthya Herrera through its select scholarship commission members: Drs. Mónica Rubio, representing the National Council of Scientific and Technological Investigation (CONICYT); Andreas Reisenegger, President of the Chilean Astronomical Society (SOCHIAS), and Eduardo Hardy, NRAO/AUI representative in Chile.

Both students have an undergraduate degree in Astronomy and are presently graduate students at the Universidad de Chile. Silva has done all of her studies at this institution and is completing a MSc thesis on massive star formation related to the accretion process in dense massive galactic nuclei.

Herrera is starting the first year of her graduate studies and was an undergraduate student at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile where she worked with millimeter wave data from the Large Magellanic Cloud.

Silva and Herrera are interested in advancing their studies in radio astronomy, and the Eleventh Synthesis Imaging Workshop is a unique opportunity to do so. Silva is interested in interferometric data reduction and observations, looking forward to ALMA. Herrera is interested in VLA data and in particular the practical tutorials at the School.

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