

Subject: [allemploy] FYI: 5 June 06 BIWEEKLY CALENDAR OF THE ALMA PROJECT at NRAO
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BIWEEKLY CALENDAR OF THE ALMA PROJECT at NRAO
5 June 2006 - 19 June 2006

***** THIS FORTNIGHT*****

During the past month, ALMA has been preparing for its eventual operations phase. Chris Carilli has been appointed Head of the North American ALMA Science Center, Paola Andreani has been appointed ARC Manager for ESO and John Hibbard continues as acting ARC Manager for NRAO. Also within the month, Ryohei Kawabe has been appointed acting ARC Manager for NAOJ. Advertisements for Head of Science Operations, Head of Technical Services and Head of Administration for the Joint ALMA Observatory have been placed.

Eduardo Hardy informs us:

On 1 June the Completion Package contract with ConPax was signed in Santiago. This is the largest individual contract so far concluded in Chile by NRAO for ALMA and will lead to the completion of the AOS Technical Building. The local merit for the successful negotiation of this complex package, which also included a large amount of equipment purchasing, belongs to the team of Mauricio Pilleux, Eduardo Donoso, Claudio Navarro and Martin Mudnich, supported by the local Fiscal division of NRAO.

By the end of next March we should be able to see the completed AOS TB sitting at 5000m (16570 ft) on the Chajnantor plateau, arguably the highest building in Chile and probably among the highest anywhere.

There will be a special session (#28) of the American Astronomical Society meeting in Calgary on 'Imaging Star Formation in the Cosmos with ALMA'. Presentations will be made on ALMA and Distant Galaxies by Andrew Blain, Star Formation in Our Galaxy: The Need for ALMA by Douglas Johnstone and Imaging Star-Forming Gas in Nearby Galaxies by Jean Turner. Additionally, there will be a special poster session (#51) 'Imaging Star Formation in the Cosmos with ALMA II' with nine posters and one in session #56 on the 3mm cartridge. Posters will travel to the JAO in Santiago the following week.

Invited session 30.01 will feature Christine Wilson speaking on 'Luminous Infrared Galaxies with the Submillimeter Array: Probing the Extremes of Star Formation' Monday 5 June, 4:10 pm.

The deadline for registration for the meeting 'Science with ALMA: a new era for Astrophysics' to be held 13 - 16 November 2006 in Madrid, Spain is 2006 July 1. 184 persons have registered; the meeting limit is 250. Please register to be ensured of participation.

Past issues of this Calendar may be viewed at
<http://www.cv.nrao.edu/~awootten/mmailcal/ALMACalendars.html>

See also the JAO ALMA Calendar overview at:

http://www.alma.cl/alma_project

General Happenings

Sky: The Evening sky hosts Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

OSF (Ops Support Facility, 9600ft altitude): Approximately 91 people are working on the ALMA site. The Power Station feasibility report was submitted and evaluated, resulting in a decision to connect to the Chilean grid rather than to construct and operate a stand-alone facility. Vertex Site Erection Facility (SEF) pads will be complete end of 2006 July. ALMA has selected 'Sahara Tan' as building color.

AOS (Array Ops Site, 16570ft altitude): From 26-30 May, the APEX tau measurements showed less than 1mm PWV.

AOC: Upgraded second laser synthesizer and line length corrector units arrived. Several issues resulting from a meeting on timing of signals continue to be discussed. Move of hardware from the Socorro lab to the ATF is scheduled to begin 2006-Aug-28.

ATF (ALMA Test Facility, VLA site): VxRSI antenna metrology tests were carried out. Bidders conference for nutator to be held 2006 May 31. Cloudsat avoidance software to be installed 2006 May 30.

DAILY CALENDAR (Times EDT) see <https://wikio.nrao.edu/bin/view/ALMA/AlmaCalendar>

Mon 5 Jun
Special Session (#28) 'Imaging Star Formation in the Cosmos with ALMA'
American Astronomical Society meeting in Calgary
Tue 6 Jun
American Astronomical Society meeting in Calgary
10:30 AM-11:30 AM: JAO IPT Telecon
Wed 7 Jun
Special Session (#51) Imaging Star Formation in the Cosmos with ALMA II'
American Astronomical Society meeting in Calgary
11:00 AM: ASAC telecon
5:30 PM-7:30 PM: Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF)
12th Annual Exhibition & Reception. AAS booth features ALMA
Rooms B338-340 of the Rayburn House Office Building
Thu 8 Jun
American Astronomical Society meeting in Calgary
Fri 9 Jun
Sat 10 Jun
Sun 11 Jun Full Moon
Mon 12 Jun
ALMA Board Meetings, Santiago
Tue 13 Jun
ALMA Board Meetings, Santiago
10:30 AM-11:30 AM: JAO IPT Telecon
Wed 14 Jun
ALMA Board Meetings, Santiago
Thu 15 Jun
ALMA Board Meetings, San Pedro de Atacama and ALMA site
Fri 16 Jun
Sat 17 Jun
Sun 18 Jun
Mon 19 Jun

AIVCSV Meeting, Santiago
***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

June 2-8	all day	CASCA/AAS meeting	Calgary, CA
June 7	1730	ALMA Booth	Capitol Hill, DC
June 13-14	all day	ALMA Board Meeting	Santiago
June 13	all day	ALMA Master Laser SpcR	CV
Jun 19-20	all day	AIVCSV Meeting	Santiago
Jun 30	1800 UT	ANASAC Meeting	Telecon
Aug 28		Move of PSI to ATF	

Sept 22-23	evening	Dave Matthews Band	CV JPJ Arena opening
November 9-10	all day	ALMA Board Meeting	Madrid TBD
Nov 13-16	all day	Science with ALMA: a new era for Astrophysics	Madrid

***** TECHNICAL NEWS *****

*****ALSO OF INTEREST*****

ALMA has openings for Head of Science Operations, Head of Technical Services, and Head of Administration. Please see:
http://www.nrao.edu/administration/personnel_office/careers.shtml

2nd pan-ALMA Conference : 2nd Announcement

Dear Colleague,

The 2nd pan-ALMA conference on "Science with ALMA: a new era for Astrophysics" will be held 13-16 November 2006 in Madrid, Spain. The venue will be the campus of the CSIC (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas), in the centre of town.

Information on the 2nd pan-ALMA meeting is available via

<http://www.oan.es/alma2006/> (final slash is mandatory)

Please send information for upcoming calendars by Friday evening of the preceding biweekly period to Jennifer Neighbours or Al Wooten via e-mail (jneighbo at nrao.edu or awootten at nrao.edu).

The calendar will be issued between late Friday and sometime on Monday by e-mail to all NRAO scientific staff members and anyone else interested. A specific mailing list, alma-info, has been created for anyone wishing to receive it.

Past issues are available at

<http://www.cv.nrao.edu/~awooten/mmailcal/ALMCalendars.html>

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