

Subject: [allemploy] FYI: 4 Dec 2006 BIWEEKLY CALENDAR OF THE ALMA PROJECT at NRAO
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BIWEEKLY CALENDAR OF THE ALMA PROJECT at NRAO
4 December 2006 - 18 December 2006

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

New stills and animations of ALMA artist concepts are available at
<http://www.alma.info>

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

See also the JAO ALMA Calendar overview at:
http://www.alma.cl/alma_project

General Happenings

Sky: Saturn rises around 10 pm, Venus lost in the very early sunsets
this week. Other bright planets are low in the morning sky.

Santiago: The Head of Science Operations (HSO) and Head of Administration
have been recruited. The Head of Administration, Mr. Russell Smeback, will
start to work at the ALMA Offices on December 12th, and will be moving to
Santiago with his family. The final plans for HSO arrival in the ALMA
offices are under development but HSO is actively engaged in Operations
Plan development already. Local hiring of AIV staff continues. Some
staff are now arriving at North American sites.

AOS (Array Ops Site, 16570ft altitude): The building will be enclosed and
powered by a temporary generator by late January. A temporary link to the
OSF should be operational by January. HVAC (heating, ventilating and air
conditioning) systems were installed recently.

OSF (Ops Support Facility, 9600ft altitude): The Holography tower is under
construction. The Vertex Site Erection Facility (SEF) is under
construction. The Vertex antennas will be received and assembled in this
building. The 27 containers holding the building elements have arrived in
Chile from Texas. There are 333 contractor and 22 ALMA personnel working
on the site, of which 187 sleep at the site.

NTC (NRAO Technology Center, Charlottesville): The North American Front
End Integration Center (NA-FEIC) has installed bands 3,6 and 7 in the
first FE; all bands are healthy and integration of the FE subsystem
continues.

NAASC: Daily ALMA Operations Group telecons have dominated the weeks. The
end product will be a final version which the ALMA Board will distribute
to review.

ATF: BEND racks are installed in Alcatel antenna, the central LO has been
relocated to VLA building, the Master Laser has been powered up in new
location at nominal power levels. Most of the above have M&C software
responding nominally. The Prototype Correlator is being moved. A second
chain of electronics should be installed in Vertex prototype antenna the
week of 4 Dec. Photogrammetric measurement of both antennas will occur to
validate the accuracy of the holography results, with more
holography tests currently scheduled for the week before Christmas.

ESO: The ESO Council meets on 7-8 December.

DAILY CALENDAR (Times EDT/EST) see

<https://wikio.nrao.edu/bin/view/ALMA/AlmaCalendar>

Mon 4 Dec -

Fourth Chilean School of Astrophysics--Interferometry in the Epoch of ALMA and VLTI <http://www.astro.puc.cl/school/>

7:25 PM: Full Moon. This moon reaches very high elevations in the Northern Hemisphere, now suffering late Fall. Today is the earliest nightfall of the year. It is the time of earliest sunrise in Santiago.

Tue 5 Dec -

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10:30 AM-11:30 AM: JAO IPT Telecon

2:30 PM Chile (PUC) 16:30 hrs. ALMA Postdoc Itziar De Gregorio Monsalvo, ESO/APEX. "Radio Astronomical Study of the Environment surrounding Low-Mass young stellar Objects"

Wed 6 Dec

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ACA Correlator CDR will be taking place 6,7 December in Tokyo.

9:30 - ASAC Telecon

1:00 - NAASC Telecon

2:00 - NA Telecaucus

Thu 7 Dec

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9:30 - ALMA Board telecon

Fri 8 Dec - Holiday (Chile) Immaculate Conception

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2:00 PM - ANASAC Telecon

Sat 9 Dec

Sun 10 Dec

Mon 11 Dec

Tue 12 Dec

10:30 AM-11:30 AM: JAO IPT Telecon

4:00 PM: ALMA Science IPT Telecon

Wed 13 Dec

10:00 AM Science Software Requirements Group Telecon

Thu 14 Dec

11:00 AM - Calibration Group Telecon

Fri 15 Dec

NRAO/CV Christmas Party, Colonnade Club

Sat 16 Dec Beethoven's Birthday

Sun 17 Dec

Mon 18 Dec

***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

Dec 6		ASAC Telecon	
Dec 6-7	all day	ACA correlator CDR	Japan
Dec 6-8	all day	Molecular database meeting	Leiden
Dec 7		ALMA Board telecon	
Dec 14	all day	LLC and LO Photonic Rx DR	Cville
Dec 29	1900UT	ANASAC telecon	
Jan 16-17 '07	all day	Transporter FDR	
Jan 18 '07		ALMA Board telecon	
Jan 29-30 '07	all day	B9 Cartridge CDR	
Jan 30-1 Feb	all day	AEM antenna PPDR	Mestre
Feb 6-7		B9 cartridge CDR	Groningen
Feb 15		ALMA Board Telecon	Telecon
Mar 9-12	all day	IPT F2F MEETING	Chile

***** TECHNICAL NEWS *****
*****ALSO OF INTEREST*****

Please send information for upcoming calendars by Friday evening of the preceding biweekly period to Jennifer Neighbours or Al Wootten 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.

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