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BIWEEKLY CALENDAR OF THE ALMA PROJECT at NRAO  
August 2 - August 16, 2004

\*\*\*\*\* THIS BIWEEK \*\*\*\*\*

Transitions

Bob Freund, NRAO employee for 30 years and key ALMA contributor, will be leaving NRAO 2004 August 6. We wish him all the best; ALMA will certainly miss him. Angel Otarola will be continuing his studies at the University of Arizona.

We hope to welcome him back when he completes this next phase of his career.

Andrea Vaccari will be joining the ALMA front end group at the NRAO Technology Center this week, from Tucson. Welcome to Charlottesville, Andrea! Michael Lacasse, from Green Bank, also joins the ALMA team at the NTC--welcome Michael!

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ALMA Town Hall meeting planned for the 205th AAS meeting in San Diego  
1:00pm  
Tues 11 Jan 2005.  
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Past issues of this Calendar may be viewed at  
<http://www.cv.nrao.edu/~awootten/mmailcal/ALMACalendars.html>  
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General Happenings

Chile: ALMA Camp is basically finished, pending beautification (painting, etc.) for environmental compliance, now under way. Full catering services for the ALMA camp are scheduled to start in August/September 2004 after arrival of the kitchen equipment. ALMA OSF Communications installations completed and working. They include file servers, VPN server, VoIP phones, Wireless connectivity with firewall.

TUC: LO Review meeting to be scheduled in Tucson end of August. ALMA System Technical Requirements document has been approved. The RF Simulator is undergoing detailed tests. Both First LO Driver assemblies have been locked to an optical reference and have been under reliable computer control.

NAASC: Scott Ransom has joined us as an Assistant Scientist.

NTC: NRAO has been invited to witness the qualification testing of the preproduction

cyrostat, which has finally commenced at RAL. A first Band 6 cartridge

structure has been shipped to NRAO; received 29 July and is undergoing testing.

AOC: A sine-wave signal was passed to the DTS formatter and transmitter, through

fiber on 3 colors to the DTS receiver, and processed through the correlator

to yield sample statistics and spectra. This first end-to-end test of the

digital system was successful.

DAILY CALENDAR (Times EDT)

Mon 02 Aug 10:30 AM-12:00 PM: JAO / IPT Teleconference

Tue 03 4:00 PM-5:00 PM: NAScienceIPT teleconference (open to all interested

parties) (434)296-7082

Agenda: <http://www.cv.nrao.edu/~awootten/mmaimcal/>

Wed 04

Thu 05 8:00 AM-9:00 AM: ALMA Board Teleconference  
8:30 AM-10:00 AM: JAO Teleconference

Fri 06

Sat 07

Sun 08

Mon 09 1:00 PM-2:30 PM: NA DH Teleconference

Tue 10 10:30 AM-12:00 PM: ASAC Teleconference (may be rescheduled by a day)

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Wed 11 11:00 AM-12:00 PM: Software Science Req. Group Teleconference

Thu 12 8:30 AM-10:00 AM: JAO Teleconference

Fri 13 Good Luck!

Sat 14

Sun 15

\*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS

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ALMA Calendar

- \* 5 August -- ALMA Board Telecon
- \* 10 August -- ASAC Telecon
- \* 23 September -- ALMA Board Telecon
- \* 24 September -- ALMA/EU Meeting, Garching
- \* 27-28 September -- ASAC face-to-face meeting, Charlottesville
- \* 29 Sept - 1 October -- face-to-face IPT Leads Meeting, Charlottesville

Charlottesville

- \* 4-8 October -- The Cool Universe: Observing Cosmic Beginnings  
Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa Maria,

Valparaiso, Chile

- \* 11-12 Oct -- AMAC Meeting, Florence, Italy
- \* 11-13 Oct -- New Windows on Star Formation in the Cosmos  
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

- \* 27-29 Oct -- Dusty and Molecular Universe Paris
- \* 2-3 Nov -- ALMA Board Face-to-face Meeting, OSF, near San Pedro de Atacama
- \* 2 December -- ALMA Board Telecon
- \* 5-7 Jan 2005 -- UNSC URSI Boulder meeting Commission J
- \* 11 Jan 2005 - ALMA Town Meeting, AAS San Diego
- \* 27 Jan 2005 -- ALMA Board Telecon

\*\*\*\*\* TECHNICAL NEWS

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Everyone has been busy writing quarterly, bimonthly, biweekly reports...

\*\*\*\*\*ALSO OF

INTEREST\*\*\*\*\*

The deadline for SMA proposals for the next period starting on NOV 1, 2004 has been

set as THU, SEP 16, 2004. The SMA Steering committee has approved the opening

of about 10 percent of the observing time to outside investigators as principal

investigators (worldwide). Outside investigators will be required to have an

internal (i.e., black belt) collaborator (arranged by PI or assigned by TAC).

Proposals will be accepted for 230 and 345 GHz. "Key" projects will also be

considered. In general, projects from the current period that have not been run

by OCT 31, 2004 will not be carried over. The requested information in proposals

(wrt snr, uv coverage) will be changed in order to be able, if possible, to

schedule partial tracks, i.e., short projects. Check the "SMA Observer Center"

Website for updated information or contact Dave Wilner, TAC chair. Note that,

in compliance with Cfa policy, SMA data becomes publically available 15 months

after acquisition. People interested in projects at 690 GHz should contact Dave Wilner. A concentrated 690 GHz campaign will be scheduled as a block

effort

this coming winter.

SMA Observer Center (Katz)

Information about the Array and proposal preparation, and link to the restricted Test Central website

<http://sma1.sma.hawaii.edu>

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Please send information for upcoming calendars by Friday evening of the preceding biweekly period to Janet Bauer or Al Wootten via e-mail

([jbauer@nrao.edu](mailto:jbauer@nrao.edu) or [awootten@nrao.edu](mailto:awootten@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 now available at

<http://www.cv.nrao.edu/~awootten/mmaimcal/ALMACalendars.html>

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Allemploy mailing list

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