

Subject: [allemploy] June 6, 2005 BIWEEKLY CALENDAR OF THE ALMA PROJECT at NRAO
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June 6, 2005 - June 20, 2005

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

Fred Lo, Director of NRAO, announced that Adrian Russell is being named as North American Project Director for ALMA at the NRAO. As such, he will have oversight responsibility for both the NA ALMA Project Office for ALMA construction, for which he remains NA Project Manager, and the NA ALMA Science Center while ALMA is still under construction.

Antony Davies, ALMA Controller, announced the appointment of Stefan Michalski to the role of Planner/Scheduler for the ALMA Project, based in Charlottesville as part of the NRAO Program Office.

Stefan joins us with significant experience from two challenging roles: the oil industry, where he has been working as a planner/scheduler for major maintenance projects, and the nuclear power industry where he was in a similar role supporting major decommissioning and spent fuel storage projects. Stefan will join the team in Charlottesville immediately after the July 4th Holiday Weekend; his email and telephone contact details will be passed out as soon as they are available. Stefan will report to A. Davies for program direction.

At the 25 May Change Control Board meeting, the 64 antenna correlator (with tunable filter bank) requirements document was approved, as was the Science Specifications and Requirements document as updated.

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

See also the ALMA Calendar overview at:
<https://wikio.nrao.edu/bin/view/ALMA/AlmaCalendar>

General Happenings

OSF: Expansion of the ALMA Camp to 30 beds is substantially complete. 11 potential bidders for the OSF technical facilities visited the site on 25 May. Authorization was given by the ESO Finance Council for road construction above 23 km; expected start is 1 July. There are 27 persons working at the site.

AOS: Construction expected to commence August 2005.

ATF: Testing of new ALMA Common Software installation continues. First internal computing test of a few draft operator GUIs was performed at the ATF on 2jun05.

AOC: Computing IPT CDR3 under way. Andreas Wicenec visiting.

NTC: The first prototype tunable filter bank card has been received and is under test in the test fixture. The ACA Correlator review in Tokyo is reported to have gone very well.

NAASC: Planning for the workshop "From Z to A: Z-Machines to ALMA" continues; Science Organizing Committee formed. Meeting dates are tentatively January 13-14, the Friday and Saturday immediately after the Washington,

DC AAS meeting.

DAILY CALENDAR (Times EDT) see

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

Mon 6 June

9:30 AM-10:30 AM: North American Project Office Meeting

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

Tue 7

10:30 AM-11:30 AM: ASAC Telecon

4:00 PM-5:00PM: NAScienceIPT teleconference (open to all interested parties) (434)296-7082

Agenda: <https://wikio.nrao.edu/bin/view/ALMA/10May05A>

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

Wed 8

11:00AM: SSR Telecon

2:00PM- 3:00PM: NAASC Meeting

Thu 9

Fri 10

Sat 11

Sun 12 ANASAC Face-to-Face CfA, Cambridge

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Wed 15

Thu 16

9:30 AM-11:00 AM: Management IPT Teleconference

Fri 17

Sat 18

Sun 19

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

ALMA Calendar--see also <https://wiki.nrao.edu/bin/view/ALMA/NAASC>

* June 6-7 -- ESO Council, Helsinki

* June 7-9 -- CIPT CDR3, various locations

* June 12 -- 1-5pm ANASAC Face-to-Face CfA, Cambridge

* June 13 - 16 Workshop on submillimeter wavelength astronomy in Cambridge. For more information, log onto the event website: <http://cfa-www.harvard.edu/smast05>.

* June 20 -- Extraordinary Meeting, ESO Finance Committee

* June 21-22 -- ALMA Board Meeting, The Hague, Netherlands

* June 21-24 -- Bands 4 & 8 PDRs, Tokyo

* Jul 3-4 -- Deep Impact probe impact of comet Temple 1.

* Jul 6-7 -- Front End IPT delta PDR, Garching

* Sep 4-5 -- Tentative ASAC Meeting, Los Angeles

* Oct 6 -- Rolling Stones come to Scott Stadium, Charlottesville

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

ALMA Memo # 521: Joint Distribution of Atmospheric Transparency and Phase Fluctuations at Chatnator

Authors: Larry D'Addario and Mark Holdaway

Abstract: The cumulative joint probability distribution of path delay fluctuations and opacity at the ALMA telescope site near Chatnator, Chile has been derived from six years of site test data

View a pdf version of ALMA Memo #521:

<http://www.alma.nrao.edu/memos/html-memos/alma521/memo521.pdf>

***** 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@nrao.edu or 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 available at <http://www.cv.nrao.edu/~awootten/mmaimcal/ALMACalendars.html>

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