

# ESO/ESA/IAU/Excellence Cluster 'Universe'

## Astronomy Communication Seminars

*Half-hour seminars about contemporary issues in astronomy communication*

25 January 2012

11:30 – 12:00

ESO Auditorium

## Outreach at the International Space Science Institute in Bern, Switzerland

*Prof. Rudolf von Steiger, Director*

**Abstract:** The International Space Science Institute (ISSI) is an Institute of Advanced Studies where scientists from all over the world meet in a multi- and interdisciplinary setting to reach out for new scientific horizons. The main function is to contribute to the achievement of a deeper understanding of the results from different space missions, ground based observations and laboratory experiments, and adding value of those results through multidisciplinary research in the framework of International Teams, Workshops, Working Groups, Forums or as individual Visiting Scientists. The program of ISSI covers a widespread spectrum of disciplines from the physics of the solar system and planetary sciences to astrophysics and cosmology, and from Earth sciences to astrobiology.

We will present an overview of ISSI and its mission in general and focus on our efforts in public outreach, mainly to trigger a discussion about the experience of ESO in that respect and learn from it.

