

## Personnel Movements

### Arrivals (1 July–30 September 2008)

Europe	
Aller Carpentier, Emmanuel (E)	Optical Engineer
Beniflah, Thierry (F)	Head of Information Technology
Blondin, Stéphane (F)	Fellow
Calamida, Annalisa (I)	Postdoctoral Researcher
Ciattaglia, Emanuela (I)	Mechanical Engineer
Feng, Lu (CN)	Student
Gladysz, Szymon (PL)	Postdoctoral Researcher
Heckel, Isabell (D)	Administrative Assistant/Secretary
Kammermaier, Katharina (D)	Human Resources Officer
Kolb, Johann (F)	Optical Engineer
Kupcu Yoldas, Aybuke (TR)	Postdoctoral Researcher
Michaleli, Anna (GR)	Human Resources Officer
Mysore, Sangeeta (USA)	Operations Support Scientist
Nunez Santelices, Carolina Andrea (RCH)	Student
Penuela, Tania Marcelo (CO)	Student
Petry, Dirk (D)	Data Analysis Software Developer
Ricci, Luca (I)	Student
Sirey, Rowena (GB)	Senior Advisor/Intern. Relations
Chile	
Al Momany, Yazan (I)	Operations Astronomer
Aranda, Ivan (RCH)	Data Handling Administrator
Arias, Pablo (RCH)	Telescope Instruments Operator
Campos, Marcela (RCH)	Accountant
Elao, Cristian (RCH)	Electronic Engineer
Gallardo, Javier (RCH)	Software Engineer
Gesswein, Rodrigo (RCH)	Data Handling Administrator
Gonzalez, Javier Andres (RCH)	Maintenance Mechanical Technician
Lucas, Robert (F)	Astronomer
Mauersberger, Rainer (D)	Astronomer
Molina, Faviola (VE)	Operations Astronomer
Parra, Rodrigo (RCH)	Operations Astronomer
Reyes, Claudia (RCH)	Telescope Instruments Operator
Tamblay, Richard (RCH)	Maintenance Mechanical Technician
Wieching, Gundolf (D)	Radio Frequency Engineer
Yegorova, Iryna (UA)	Fellow

### Departures (1 July–30 September 2008)

Europe	
Alves de Oliveira, Catarina (P)	Student
Boutsia, Konstantina (GR)	Student
da Silva Marques, Nuno Alvaro (P)	Student
Di Cesare, Stéphane (F)	Software Engineer
Hötzl, Stefan (D)	Electronics Technician
van der Plas, Gerrit (NL)	Student
Chile	
Bendek, Eduardo (RCH)	Instrumentation Engineer
Carry, Benoît (F)	Student
Dierksmeier, Claus (D)	Civil Engineer
Lombardi, Gianluca (I)	Student
Lopez, Cristian (RCH)	Student
Lynam, Paul (GB)	Fellow
Marin, Pedro (RCH)	Driver
Rantakyro, Fredrik (S)	VLTI Astronomer
Reveco, Johnny (RCH)	Software Engineer
Salazar, Daniel (RCH)	Software Engineer

Announcement of the Report by the ESA-ESO Working Group on

## Galactic Populations, Chemistry and Dynamics

### Authors:

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### Abstract:

Between the early 40s, when Baade showed the first evidence for the existence of two distinct stellar populations, and today, with our Galaxy surprising us with new substructures discovered almost on a monthly basis, it is clear that a remarkable progress has been achieved in our understanding of the Galaxy, of its structure and stellar populations, and of its chemical and dynamical signatures. Yet, some questions have remained open and have proven to be very challenging.

The main task of this Working Group has been to review the state-of-the-art knowledge of the Milky Way galaxy, to identify the future challenges, and to propose which tools (in terms of facilities, infrastructures, instruments, science policies) would be needed to successfully tackle and solve the remaining open questions. Considering the leadership position that Europe has reached in the field of Galactic astronomy (thanks to the Hipparcos mission and the Very Large Telescope) and looking at the (near-)future major initiatives it has undertaken (VISTA and VST survey telescopes, Gaia mission), this work clearly has been very timely.

It is of uttermost importance for European astronomy to keep and further consolidate its leading position. This Working Group has

made recommendations that would allow dissecting our backyard laboratory, the Galaxy, even further. ESO survey telescopes about to become operational and the upcoming ESA Gaia mission are a guarantee for opening new horizons and making new discoveries. We, the astronomers, with the support of our funding agencies, are ready to fully commit to the best exploitation of the treasure that is ahead of us. The main recommendations this Working Group has made to ESA and ESO are to guarantee the expected tremendous capabilities of these new facilities, to vigorously organise their synergies and to jointly give ways to European astronomers to be leaders in the exploitation of their output data.

The report is available at <http://www.stecf.org/coordination/eso-esa/galpops.php>.