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Max-Planck-Institut for Radioastronomie in Bonn. Apart from regular observing trips to the IRAM 30-metre telescope, I also took the opportunity to observe at a real radio telescope in Effelsberg, and found it very impressive that one can indeed observe in pouring rain (those radio astronomers...). During that time, I started to observe my dear outflows also in millimetre CO lines, and envisaged the higher excitation lines, possibly at higher resolution, which led to the next move to the IfA in Hawaii. The main motivation was to use the SMA, but as the IfA has access also to all the other nice things on top of Mauna Kea, I had a lot more toys to play with. And Hawaii is not only nice for doing astronomy. However, it's also a pretty expensive place to live. So, after

two years, when I was offered the ESO fellowship, we were among the very few people who are delighted to see that the rents in Munich and surroundings are quite affordable (well, at least if you have the Hawaii experience...).

But now, my fellowship is about to end. I have found ESO a very interesting place to work, having contact with the progress on the next generation of major observatories almost every day. Still, having left Hawaii's beaches and telescopes behind hurts a bit (mostly the beaches, particularly for my family), but we also love the Biergarten in Garching. Maybe you should not be too surprised then, if some day you see an original Bavarian Biergarten on your next observing trip to Hawaii.

## Personnel Movements

### Arrivals (1 April–30 June 2009)

#### Europe

Lange, Uwe (DE)	Software Engineer
Gube, Nikolaj (DE)	Legal Advisor
Schmidt, Sandra (DE)	Secretary/Assistant
Nilsson, Kim (SE)	Astronomer
Santander Vela, Juan de Dios (ES)	Applied Scientist
Justen, Benedikt (DE)	Student
Böhnert, Alex (DE)	Student

#### Chile

Martayan, Christophe (FR)	Operations Astronomer
Spille, Christian (DE)	Site Safety Officer
Vanderheyden, Pierre (BE)	Electrical Engineer
Marti Canales, Javier (ES)	Lead System Engineer
Amira, Maria Soledad (CL)	Executive Administration Officer
Rojas, Pascual (CL)	Electrical Maintenance Technician
Gajardo, Gabriela (CL)	Administrative Assistant – Legal
Pretorius, Magaretha (ZA)	Fellow
Lynam, Paul (GB)	Operations Astronomer

### Departures (1 April–30 June 2009)

#### Europe

Zech, Gabriele (DE)	Software Engineer
Moloney, Catherine (GB)	Student
Spaleniak, Izabela (PL)	Student

#### Chile

Lidman, Christopher (AU)	Astronomer
Gutierrez, Adriana (CL)	Administrative Assistant
Scharwächter, Julia (DE)	Fellow
Monaco, Lorenzo (IT)	Fellow
Doherty, Michelle (AU)	Fellow
De Ugarte Postigo, Antonio (ES)	Fellow
Eschwey, Joerg (DE)	European Site Development Manager