

I spent four wonderful years in Leiden. My thesis consisted of the analysis of the nuclear properties and dynamical modelling of nearby early-type galaxies, as well as developing a method to analyse the two-dimensional kinematic maps coming from instruments such as SAURON. After the PhD, I went to Oxford where I stayed for five years. For the last two I was an Extraordinary Junior Research Fellow of Queen's College (the "Extra" actually means they were not paying my salary, but they did take care of me as a college does). There I started working in the near-infrared and with laser-guided adaptive optics observations, which unfortunately also meant that trips to the telescopes became rarer. A large part of my science, however, concentrated on a new and exciting project, the ATLAS3D survey, which I am co-leading. This is a multi-wavelength survey of a complete sample of nearby early-type galaxies, and it includes a large team of

observers and theoreticians. The first results are coming out right now and it is amazing to see how the initial ideas have turned into science.

It is now about ten years since I left my hometown and I am entering my second year as an ESO fellow. Astronomy really is not just star-watching, and ESO is a prime example of the complexity needed for successful astronomical operations. I feel rather privileged to be able to participate in it. On a warm summer night, however, when a friend says it is a good job, this star watching, one has to make a decision: to agree, or say: "Well, actually I study black holes ..."



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In Memoriam Christine Nieuwenkamp

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Christine (Chris) Nieuwenkamp was born in Belgium and studied at the Higher Institute for Translators in Antwerp. She started her professional career in the purchasing department of a Brazilian mining company stationed in Belgium. She joined ESO in April 1990 as Administrative Assistant for Purchasing in the Contracts and Procurement Service at ESO Headquarters in Garching.

Through her strong motivation and dedication, Chris was able to cope with a constantly high workload, especially related to calls for tender, contracts and contract administration, and interacted with a large number of staff in both Garching and Chile. In addition Chris successfully trained and integrated new staff in the Contracts and Procurement Department. For several years Chris was an active and respected member of the ESO Staff Association in Garching. Her excellent performance as a Procurement Officer was well-recognised both inside and outside ESO and she was a pleasure to work with. She died on 18 October 2010. Chris will be remembered by her friends and colleagues at ESO and missed by her husband and two children.

