

In Memoriam Luis Wendegass

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Luis Wendegass passed away on 22 January 2015 at the age of 59 after a sudden heart attack. Luis joined ESO in September 1977 working at the La Silla Observatory, initially as Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technician and lately in General Maintenance Support.

Luis devoted more than 37 years of his life to working at ESO, joining ESO when he was very young and also when ESO itself was quite young. During those four decades, ESO has grown and developed to become what it is today, setting a world-class standard in astronomy. This achievement owes much to the people

who, like Luis, tirelessly devoted the best of their professional lives to it, carrying out excellent work day after day and being an example to others.

The La Silla Observatory was an important part of Luis's life, and Luis will always be remembered as an important part of the life of the observatory. Luis was a cheerful and intelligent presence, and his help and wise advice could be counted on in all circumstances.

During those 37 years of professional service, Luis's colleagues became friends and a second family. Despite his long dedication, his unexpected departure still seems painfully premature. He will be deeply missed by his family and the many colleagues, current and past, who had the privilege of getting to know him and sharing with him the many tasks of the observatory.



Personnel Movements

Arrivals (1 January–31 March 2015)

Europe	
Cabrera Ziri Castro, Ivan (VE)	Student
Conlon, Pauline (UK)	HR Advisor
Egner, Sebastian Elias (DE)	Instrumentation Physicist
Jamialahmadi, Narges (IR)	Student
Rosenquist, Calle (SE)	Software Engineer

Chile	
Aguilera, Gregorio (CL)	Mechanical Technician
Arancibia, Jimmy (CL)	Technical Officer
Arrau, Maria Adriana (CL)	Secretary
Díaz Catalá, Eva Montserrat (ES)	Instrumentation Group Leader
Garafulich, Alicia (CL)	Administrative Assistant
Guerra, Juan Carlos (ES)	Instrumentation Engineer
Herrera, Cristian (CL)	Software Engineer
Pérez, Manuel Angel (ES)	Operation Staff Astronomer
Sani, Eleonora (IT)	Operation Staff Astronomer
Toledo, Pedro (CL)	Software Engineer
Torstensson, Karl (SE)	User Support astronomer

Departures (1 January–31 March 2015)

Europe	
Aniyan, Suryashree (IN)	Student
De Pascale, Marco (IT)	Student
Duchateau, Michel (FR)	Electronics Engineer

Chile	
Barkats, Denis (FR)	System Astronomer
Blanchard, Guillaume (FR)	Coating Expert/Optical Engineer
Esparza, Cristian (CL)	Telescope Instruments Operator
Mawet, Dimitri (BE)	Operation Staff Astronomer
Monaco, Lorenzo (IT)	Operation Staff Astronomer
Parraguez, Andres (CL)	Telescope Instruments Operator
Wiklind, Gert Tommy (SE)	Operation Staff Astronomer