

the JVLA, to a variety of duties at the European ALMA Regional Centre, such as astronomer on duty (on-site observing), contact scientist, data quality assurance, software testing, tutoring new users, etc. ALMA is revolutionising our understanding of the Universe, and I am proud to be part of the team. Undoubtedly knowing more details of ALMA benefits my own research. On the personal side, although I'm allergic to alcohol and so cannot enjoy the Oktoberfest, we are super happy to find the Alps only one hour away! How can one not fall in love with skiing in the Alps!

My ESO Fellowship has just come to an end, but thanks to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), I can continue my research at ESO as an Associate. It turns out that I am the first to successfully bring a DFG grant to ESO! Currently I am leading an ESO Public Survey towards an all-sky sample of cold molecular clumps discovered by the Planck satellite. After all these rewarding years, the time has come when I can contribute to the community.

Looking up at the crystal-clear sky over Chajnantor on the way to a night shift

at the ALMA Operations Support Facility, my thoughts went back to the yard in my childhood. From my toy telescope to the real telescopes I've operated (or climbed) so far: the PMO 14-metre, SMA, CSO 10-metre, JVLA, GBT 100-metre, CARMA, the Institut de Radioastronomie Millimétrique (IRAM) 30-metre, Effelsberg 100-metre, the Heinrich Hertz Submillimeter Telescope (SMT) 10-metre and ALMA, and I am thankful for the boundless love, help, luck and fortune which, combined, have made my childhood dream come true. I look forward to the even more exciting years to come.

Personnel Movements

Arrivals (1 October–31 December 2015)

Europe

Agnello, Adriano (IT)	Fellow
Arrigoni Battaia, Fabrizio (IT)	Fellow
Bonnefond, Sylvain (FR)	Student
Bordelon, Dominic (US)	Library Technology Specialist
Johnston, Tania (UK)	ESO Supernova Coordinator
Kurowski, Przemyslaw (PL)	Software Engineer
Lu, Hau-Yu (TW)	Fellow
Nilsson, Maria Theresa (SE)	Student
Stroe, Andra (RO)	Fellow

Chile

Bellhouse, Callum (UK)	Student
Diaz, Mariano (CL)	APEX Site Administrator
Dupeyron, Jorge (CL)	Network & Windows Specialist
Gallenne, Alexandre (FR)	Fellow
Haeussler, Boris (DE)	Operations Staff Astronomer
Hibon, Pascale (FR)	Operations Staff Astronomer
Jaffe Ribbi, Yara Lorena (VE)	Fellow
Klement, Robert (CZ)	Student
Lillo Box, Jorge (ES)	Fellow
Muñoz, César (CL)	Student
Muñoz-Mateos, Juan Carlos (ES)	Operations Staff Astronomer
Plunkett, Adele (US)	Fellow
Vogt, Frédéric (CH)	Fellow

Departures (1 October–31 December 2015)

Europe

Balestra, Andrea (IT)	Software Engineer
Cabrera Ziri Castro, Ivan (VE)	Student
Chira, Roxana-Adela (DE)	Student
Erm, Toomas (SE)	Electronics Engineer
Geier, Stephan (DE)	Fellow
Haase, Jonas (DK)	Astronomical Data Archive & Pipeline Software Specialist
Jamialahmadi, Narges (IR)	Student
klein Gebbinck, Maurice (NL)	Software Engineer
Oezener, Betuel (DE)	HR Advisor
Rahoui, Farid (FR)	Fellow
Zafar, Tayyaba (PK)	Fellow
Zahorecz, Sarolta (HU)	Student

Chile

Duran, Carlos (CL)	Electronic Engineer
Parra, Ricardo Nelson (CL)	Electronics Engineer
Smeback, Russell (US)	JAO Head of Administration
Vigan, Arthur (FR)	Operations Astronomer