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0 Allgemeines

Das Max-Planck-Institut für Astronomie (MPIA) verfolgt ein breites Spektrum an astro-physikalischer Forschung, durch die Entwicklung und den Betrieb von Teleskopen und deren Instrumentierung, durch eine Vielzahl von Beobachtungsprogrammen und deren Analysen, sowie durch theoretische Modellierungen. Das Institut besteht aus zwei wissenschaftlichen Abteilungen, „Galaxien und Kosmologie“ und „Stern- und Planetenentstehung“. In diesen Bereichen forschen im Berichtsjahr neben den fest angestellten Wissenschaftlern auch acht selbstständige Nachwuchsgruppen (vier Emmy-Noether- und vier MPG-Nachwuchsgruppen), 48 Stipendiaten, 86 Doktoranden sowie 26 Diplomanden, Master-Studenten und studentische Hilfskräfte.

Das MPIA ist am Betrieb zweier großer bodengebundener Observatorien, dem Calar-Alto-Observatorium und dem large Binocular Telescope, beteiligt. Das Calar-Alto-Observatorium wird gegenwärtig als „Centro Astronomico Hispano-Aleman“ (CAHA), eine unabhängige Organisation spanischen Rechts, gemeinsam von der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft und dem Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) betrieben. Seit 1997 ist das MPIA das koordinierende Institut für die deutsche Beteiligung am Large Binocular Telescope (LBT), das auf dem Mt. Graham in der Nähe von Tucson, Arizona, gebaut wurde, und seinen Beobachtungsbetrieb aufgenommen hat.

Das MPIA hat eine Vielzahl von führenden astronomischen Instrumenten entwickelt, insbesondere hat es in den letzten Jahren entscheidende Beiträge zu vier VLT-Instrumenten geliefert. Das MPIA hat eine sehr erfolgreiche Tradition bei der IR-Weltraumastronomie, insbesondere als PI-Institut und Datenzentrum von ISOPHOT, die durch die Beteiligung am Instrument PACS für das Weltraumteleskop HERSCHEL und die deutsche Führungsrolle bei den Instrumenten NIRSpec und MIRI für das James Webb Space Telescope fortgeführt wird.

Joseph Carson, Kerstin Geißler, Bertrand Goldmann, Felix Hormuth, Markus Janson, Viki Joergens, Boyke Rochau, Florian Rodler, Victoria Rodriguez Ledesma, Johny Setiawan, Christian Thalmann, Patrick Weise, David Weldrake

Theorie SP: Hubertus Klahr, Andrej Bicanski, Frithjof Brauer, Frank Dettenrieder, Natalia Dziourkevitch, Mario Flock, David Foltin, Artur Gawryszczak, Anders Johansen, Rolf Kuiper, Christoph Mordasini, Ana Uribe

Laborastrophysik: Friedrich Huisken, Marco Arold, Cornelia Jäger, Sergey Krasnokutskiy, Libo Ma, Gael Rouillé, Torsten Schmidt, Mathias Steglich

Interferometriezentrum FRINGE: Thomas Henning, Uwe Graser, Ralf Launhardt, Jürgen Steinacker

Adaptive Optik: Wolfgang Brandner, Nicola Da Rio, Joseph Carson, Fulvio De Bonis, Markus Feldt, Dimitrios Gouliermis, Stefan Hippler, Felix Hormuth, Micaela Stumpf, Christian Thalmann

Emmy-Noether-Gruppe: „Entstehung massereicher Sterne“: Henrik Beuther, Cassandra Fallscheer, Javier Rodon

MPG-Nachwuchsgruppe: Cornelis Dullemond, Tilman Birnstiel, Zsolt Sandor, Andras Zsom

MPG-Minerva-Gruppe: Cristina Afonso, Balasz Csak, Maximiliano Moyano, Nikolai Nikолов

2.2 Abteilung Galaxien und Kosmologie

Direktor: Hans-Walter Rix

Struktur und Dynamik von Galaxien: Hans-Walter Rix, Josef Fried, Jelte De Jong, Matthews Coleman, Anna Pasquali, Nicolas Martin, Christy Tremonti, Stefano Zibetti, Kelly Foyle, Rainer Klement, Domenico Tamburro, Arjen van der Wel, Sergey Koposov, Xiangxiang Xue; Kasper Borello Schmidt; Coryn Bailer-Jones (*Gaia Projekt-Gruppe*), Christian Elting, Rainer Klement, Kester Smith, Carola Tiede

Sternpopulation und Sternentstehung: Fabian Walter, Sebastian Jester, Thomas Greve, Adam Leroy, Frank Bigiel, Jaron Kurk, Gisella de Rosa, Dominik Riechers, Andreas Schruba, Paraskevi Tsalmantza; Coryn Bailer-Jones (*Emmy-Noether-Gruppe*), Paraskevi Tsalmantza, Steve Boudreault; Thomas Herbst, Wolfgang Gäßler, Maiken Gustafsson, Lucas Labadie, Fulvio de Bonis, Frank Kittmann, Johannes Schmidt

Galaxienentwicklung und Kosmologie: Eric Bell (*Emmy-Noether-Gruppe*), Anna Gallazzi, Xianzhong Zheng, Aday Robaina, Christine Ruhland, Rosalind Skelton; Klaus Meisenheimer, Hermann-Josef Röser, Hans Hippelein, Kim Nilsson, Irini Sakelliou, Kris Blindert, Leonard Burtscher, Isabel Franco, Hélène Nicol, Konrad Tristram, Michael Zatloukal

Aktive Galaxienkerne: Klaus Meisenheimer, Christian Fendt, Sebastian Jester, Marc Schartmann, Konrad Tristram; Eva Schinnerer (*MPG-Minerva-Nachwuchsgruppe*), Gael Dumas, Mark Sargent, Alejo Martinez Sansigre, Sebastian Haan, Alexander Karim; Knud Jahnke (*Emmy-Noether-Gruppe*), Katherine Inskip, Mauricio Cisternas, Dading Hadi Nugroho; Xiaohui Fan (sabbatical)

Theorie, insbesondere der Galaxienentstehung und großräumiger Strukturen: Rachel Somerville, Fabio Fontanot, Andrea Maccio, Christian Maulbetsch, Ben Moster, Hsiang-Hsu Wang; Frank van den Bosch (*MPG-Nachwuchsgruppe*), Marcello Cacciato, Xi Kang, Surhud More, Ramin Skibba, Jianling Gan; Christian Fendt (auch IMPRS Koord.), Oliver Porth und Bhargav Vaidya

Instrumentierung: Thomas Herbst, Hermann-Josef Röser, Josef Fried, Wolfgang Gäßler, Sebastian Egner, Maiken Gustaffson, Lucas Labadie, Roman Follert, Eva Meyer

3 Lehrveranstaltungen

Wintersemester 2007/2008:

- E. Bell: Observing the Big Bang (Vorlesung)
- Ch. Fendt: Current Research Topics in Astrophysics (IMPRS Block-Kurs, mit J. Wambsganss, ZAH)
- Th. Henning: Physik der Sternentstehung (Oberseminar)
- K. Meisenheimer: Quellen hochenergetischer Strahlung (Oberseminar, mit J. Kirk, MPIK und S. Wagner, ZAH)
- K. Meisenheimer: Current Research Topics in Astrophysics (IMPRS Forschungsseminar, mit B. Fuchs und J. Wambsganss, ZAH)
- K. Meisenheimer: Institutskolloquium von MPIA und LSW (mit M. Camenzind, ZAH)
- H.-J. Röser: Einführung in die Astronomie und Astrophysik, III (Seminar, mit E. Grebel und J. Heidt, ZAH)
- S. Wolf: Einführung in die Astronomie und Astrophysik I, mit Übungen (mit M. Camenzind, ZAH)

Sommersemester 2008

- Coryn Bailer-Jones: Machine learning, pattern recognition and statistical data mining (Vorlesung)
- E. Bell: Galaxies (IMPRS Block-Kurs, mit H.-W. Rix)
- C. Dullemond: Current Research Topics in Astrophysics (IMPRS Forschungsseminar, mit C. Fendt und E. Grebel, ZAH); Numerical Hydrodynamics
- Ch. Fendt: Current Research Topics in Astrophysics (IMPRS Seminar, mit C. Dullemond und E. Grebel, ZAH)
- Ch. Fendt: MPRIS seminar workshop, Rothenburg ob der Tauber, 13.–15. Juni
- Th. Henning: Physics of Star Formation (Oberseminar)
- F. Huiskens: Nanophysik II: Nanoteilchen (Vorlesung, FSU Jena)
- K. Meisenheimer: Quellen hochenergetischer Strahlung (Oberseminar, mit S. Wagner, ZAH)
- K. Meisenheimer: Institutskolloquium von MPIA und LSW (mit M. Camenzind, ZAH)
- H.-W. Rix: Galaxies (IMPRS Block-Kurs, mit E. Bell)
- H.-W. Rix: Physik II, Übungen

Wintersemester 2008/2009

- E. Bell: Observing the Big Bang (Vorlesung)
- Beuther, H., Ch. Fendt: Outflows and Jets: Theory and Observations
- Ch. Fendt: Current research topics in Astrophysics (IMPRS Blockseminar, mit M. Camenzind, ZAH)
- Ch. Fendt, K. Meisenheimer, H.-W. Rix: Current research topics in Astrophysics (IMPRS Oberseminar)
- Th. Henning: Physics of Star Formation (Oberseminar)
- K. Meisenheimer: Quellen hochenergetischer Strahlung (Oberseminar, mit J. Kik, MPIK und S. Wagner, ZAH)
- K. Meisenheimer: Institutskolloquium von MPIA und LSW (mit M. Camenzind, ZAH)

mer Science School Heidelberg (ISH)

Knud Jahnke: Mitglied der Phase A Working group für die E-ELT Instrumentenstudie MICADO

Sebastian Jester: Mitglied des Chandra X-ray Observatory Time Allocation Committee

Ulrich Klaas: Mitglied des Herschel Calibration Steering Group als Vertreter des PACS Instrument Control Centre Calibration Working Group

Oliver Krause: Mitglied des European SPICA Instrument Steering Committee

Martin Kürster: Mitglied des Organizing Committee for the Creation of IAU Commission 53, „Extrasolar Planets“

Jaron Kurk: Mitglied des TAC für Subaru in der Sparte „High-z Galaxies“, „Large Scale Structure“

Ralf Launhardt: Mitglied der Jury zur Vergabe des Wissenschaftlichen Ernst-Patzer-Preises

Christoph Leinert: Mitglied des VLTI subpanel im ESO Science and Technical Committee

Alejo Martinez: Mitglied der Additional Science Working Group for EUCLID; Member of the Science Advisory Board for the EUCLID near-infrared spectrograph

Klaus Meisenheimer: Mitglied des ESO OPC; Vorsitzender des „Strategic TAC“ am MPIA

Reinhardt Mundt: Mitglied des MPIA Time Allocation Committee

Anna Pasquali: Mitglied des ESO OPC

Hans-Walter Rix: Vorsitzender des Wissenschaftlichen Beirats des Astrophysikalischen Instituts Potsdam; Mitglied im Board der Large Binocular Telescope Corporation und im Board der Large Binocular Telescope Beteiligungsgesellschaft; Mitglied im NIRSPEC Science Team; Mitglied im BMBF-Gutachterausschuss „Astrophysik und Astroteilchenphysik“; Mitglied der DFG Fachkollegien; Mitglied „at large“ der ASTRONET Infrastructure Roadmap Working Group

Hermann-Josef Röser: Mitglied des PAC am MPIA; Vorsitzender des Computer-Komitees am MPIA; ESO OPC: Advisor für Panel A1, Vertreter des Panels im OPC für Diskussion der Large Programs

Eva Schinnerer: Mitglied der Jury zur Vergabe des Wissenschaftlichen Ernst-Patzer-Preises

Jakob Staude: Mitglied der Bundesjury bei Jugend forscht.

Fabian Walter: Member of: IRAM Program Committee, NRAO User's Committee

5 Weitere Aktivitäten am Institut

Für den Girls'Day am 24. April am Institut waren Stephan Birkmann, Helmut Dannerbauer und Silvia Scheithauer verantwortlich.

Die 9-teilige Vortragsreihe „Astronomie am Sonntag Vormittag“ im Mai–Juli organisierten Klaus Jäger, Jakob Staude, Boyke Rochau und andere.

Cornelis Dullemond organisierte die „Miniforschung“ für Studenten der unteren Semester Das BOGy-Praktikum für Schüler am 20.–24. Okt. organisierten Leonard Burtscher, Klaus Jäger, Klaus Meisenheimer und Jutta Stegmaier.

Das Kuratorium des Instituts tagte am 22. Feb. und 11. Dez.

Auf einer Pressekonferenz am 10. Dezember im Haus der Klaus Tschira Stiftung wurde bekannt gegeben, dass diese Stiftung auf dem Gelände des MPIA das „Haus der Astronomie“ errichten wird. Darin sollen alle Outreach-Aktivitäten der Heidelberger Astronomen gebündelt und professionalisiert werden. Neben der Information der Medien und der an die Bevölkerung der Region gerichteten Öffentlichkeitsarbeit werden Schulprojekte sowie die

Aus- und Fortbildung der Physik- und Astronomielehrer eine wichtige Rolle spielen. Die Klaus Tschira Stiftung wird das Gebäude und dessen technische Einrichtungen finanzieren, die Max-Planck-Gesellschaft die Einrichtung betreiben. Zu den Personalkosten tragen neben diesen Einrichtungen auch die Stadt Heidelberg, das Land Baden-Württemberg und die Universität Heidelberg bei. Darüber hinaus wird die Universität Heidelberg mit ihrem Zentrum für Astronomie Aktivitäten im Bereich der Öffentlichkeitsarbeit und Lehrerausbildung einbringen. An der Planung und Projektierung des „Hauses der Astronomie“ waren Thomas Henning, Klaus Jäger, Hans-Walter Rix, Jakob Staude und Mathias Voss beteiligt.

Im Laufe des Jahres wurden insgesamt 760 Besucher in 30 Gruppen durch das Institut geführt (Axel M. Quetz, Patrick Weise, Cassandra Fallscheer und andere). Klaus Jäger gestaltete spezielle Führungen mit Vorträgen über das Institut für den Gesprächskreis Rhein-Neckar, für den Freundeskreis des Planetariums Mannheim, für Mitarbeiter und Leser der Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung, für die International Max-Planck-Research School, sowie ein einstündiges Feature zur Astronomie bei Radio Darmstadt.

Es wurden 15 Pressemitteilungen veröffentlicht und zahlreiche Rundfunk- und Fernseh-Interviews gegeben (Klaus Jäger, Axel Quetz, Jakob Staude und andere).

Jakob Staude, unterstützt von Axel Quetz, beteiligte sich an Gestaltung und Herausgabe des 27. Jahrgangs der Zeitschrift Sterne und Weltraum.

Im Physikalischen Fortgeschrittenenpraktikum an der Universität Heidelberg betreuten Josef Fried den Versuch „CCD-Photometrie“ und Stefan Hippler den Versuch „Wellenfrontanalyse mit einem Shack-Hartmann-Sensor“

Ulrich Klaas war Vorsitzender des Bibliotheksausschusses.

Sebastian Jester gab als Guest-Editor für das SDSS Archiv ein Sonderheft des IEEE-Journals „Computing in Science and Engineering“ (Januar/Februar 2008, Vol. 10, No. 1) heraus.

Markus Nielbock wirkte beim Astronomischen Beobachtungspraktikum der Kantonsschule Luzern am Observatorium „Hoher List“, sowie bei dem Initiativkreis für Horizontastronomie im Ruhrgebiet e.V. und bei der „Astronomieschule e.V.“ an der Landessternwarte mit.

Maßnahmen zur besseren Vereinbarkeit von Wissenschaft, Beruf und Familie

Am Institut wurden im Laufe des Jahres weitere Maßnahmen zur besseren Vereinbarkeit von Beruf und Familie durchgeführt. Neben dem bereits bestehenden Baby-Büros für junge Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler, der Schaffung von Möglichkeiten familienbedingter Tele- und Heimarbeit sowie der Verbesserung des Informationsaustausches zum Thema Vereinbarkeit von Beruf und Familie, wurde ein institutseigener Kinderbetreuungsraum eingerichtet. Außerdem hat das Institut gemeinsam mit den anderen Heidelberger Max-Planck-Instituten Belegungsrechte für insgesamt 15 Krippen- und Kindergartenplätze erworben. Das MPIA bietet zudem einen Kinder-Betreuungsservice für Kongresse und andere größere wissenschaftliche Veranstaltungen an. Das Institut ist neben zahlreichen anderen wichtigen wissenschaftlichen Einrichtungen und Wirtschaftsunternehmen aus der Region Mitglied beim Heidelberger Aktionsbündnis für Familie. Ziel dieser vernetzten Wissenschaftseinrichtungen und Wirtschaftsunternehmen ist es, durch eine familienfreundliche Unternehmenspolitik, Heidelberg als Wissenschafts- und Wirtschaftsstandort attraktiver zu gestalten. Die Maßnahmen zur besseren Vereinbarkeit von Beruf und Familie am Institut werden laufend fortentwickelt, um somit die Rahmenbedingungen für die Forschungsarbeit weiter zu verbessern.

Meisenheimer, H. Dannerbauer, J. Kurk, H. Seifert, Ch. Tapken)
 External Retreat der Abteilung PSF, Maulbronn, 8.–10. Okt. (H. Beuther)
 Arbeitstreffen der Betriebsräte aller Max-Planck-Institute in Heidelberg, 10. Okt. (K.-H. Marien)
 Workshop „Classification and Discovery with Large Astronomical Surveys“, Schloss Ringberg, 14.–17. Okt. (C. Bailer-Jones, C. Elting, S. Koltes-Al-Zoubi, K. Smith, C. Tiede, P. Tsalmantza)
 Treffen des LINC-NIRVANA Konsortiums, MPIA, 23.–24. Okt. (Kürster)
 Workshop „The High-energy Astrophysics of Outflows from Compact Objects“, Schloss Ringberg, 7.–13. Dez. (Ch. Fendt, J. Kirk (MPI für Kernphysik))
 Kuratorium des MPIA, Heidelberg, MPIA, 11. Dez. (Klaus Jäger)

Andere veranstaltete Tagungen:

Coryn Bailer-Jones: Gaia DPAC CU8 Meeting No. 5, Bologna, 27.–29. Mai; Gaia DPAC CU8 Meeting No. 6, Brüssel, 24.–26. Nov.
 Cornelis Dullemond: Winter School „The First Stages of Planet Formation“, Bad Honnef, 18.–22. Feb. (SOC)
 Thomas Henning: IAU Symposium 251 „Organic Matter in Space“, Hong Kong, 18.–22. Feb. (SOC); First Chinese-German Workshop on Star and Planet Formation, Nanjing, 31. März.–4. Apr. (SOC); CAHA Workshop on Instrumentation, Granada, 11.–13. Juni (SOC); ETH Konferenz „Origin and Evolution of Planets“, Ascona, 29. Juni–4. Juli (SOC)
 Tom Herbst: SPIE – Astronomical Telescopes and Instrumentation, Advanced Optical and Mechanical Technologies in Telescopes and Instrumentation, Marseille, 23.–28. Juni (SOC)
 Martin Kürster: Treffen des LINC-NIRVANA Konsortiums, MPIfR Bonn, 19.–20. Feb.; LINC-NIRVANA Klausurtagung zum Thema Betriebsprozeduren, MPIfR Bonn, 20.–22. Feb.
 Ralf Launhardt: VLTI Training School „Astrometry and Imaging with the Very Large Telescope Interferometer“, Keszthely (lake Balaton), Ungarn, 2.–13. Juni
 Dietrich Lemke: SPIE – Astronomical Telescopes and Instrumentation, Advanced Optical and Mechanical Technologies in Telescopes and Instrumentation, Marseille, 23.–28. Juni (Chairman, Herausgeber der Tagungsberichte)
 Fabian Walter: Konferenz „Gas and Stars in Galaxies – A Multi-Wavelength 3D Perspective“, ESO, Garching, Juli (SOC)

Teilnahme an Tagungen, Fachvorträge, Poster:

Cristina Afonso: Plato (PLAnetary Transits and Oscillations of stars) Space Mission Meeting, DLR, Berlin, April (Vortrag); Pan-STARRS1 Consortium Meeting, Heidelberg, 14.–18. Apr. (Vortrag); IAU Symposium no. 253, „Transiting Planets“, Boston, 19.–23. Mai (Vortrag);
 Coryn Bailer-Jones: Gaia DPAC Meeting No. 5., Cambridge, 15.–16. Jan.; Pan-Starrs Workshop, MPIA, April; Gaia DPAC Meeting No. 6., Heidelberg, 22.–23. Mai; Gaia DPAC CU8 Meeting No. 5, Bologna, 27.–29. Mai; IAU Symposium 254, „The Galaxy disk in cosmological context“, Copenhagen, Juni; Gaia DPAC Meeting No. 7, ESAC/Madrid 25.–26. Sep.; Classification and Discovery in Large Astronomical Surveys, Ringberg Castle, 14.–17. Okt. (Poster); ESLAB 2008 - Cosmic Cataclysms and Life, ESRIN/Frascati, Nov. (Vortrag); Gaia DPAC CU8 Meeting No. 6, Brüssel, 24.–26. Nov.
 Eric Bell: Pan-STARRS1 Consortium Meeting, Heidelberg, 14.–18. Apr.; Tagung „German-American Frontiers of Science“, Humboldt-Stiftung, Potsdam, Juni; Space Telescope A901/

902 Galaxy Evolution Survey Meeting, Edinburgh, Nov.

Arian Bik: ESO Workshop „Star Formation Across The Milky Way Galaxy“, Santiago de Chile, 3.–6. März (Vortrag);

Stephan Birkmann: MIRI European Consortium Meeting CD Nr.12, Swedish National Space Board, Onsala, 28.–30. Mai; SPIE – Astronomical Telescopes and Instrumentation, Marseille, 23.–28. Juni (Vortrag); Konferenz „Cosmic Dust – Near and Far“, Heidelberg, 8.–12. Sep.

Steve Boudreault: 15th. Cool Star Meeting, St. Andrews, Scotland, 21.–25. Juli (Poster, with C. A. L. Bailer-Jones)

Jeroen Bouwman: PACS Consortium Meeting Nr. 30, MPE, Garching, 24.–25. Jan.; Konferenz „Planet Formation Processes and the Development of Prebiotic Conditions“, JPL (NASA), Pasadena, 18.–21. März (Vortrag); IAU Symposium No. 253 „Transiting Planets“ Cambridge, MA, 19.–23. Mai (Poster); MIRI European Consortium Meeting CD Nr. 12, Swedish National Space Board, Onsala, Sweden, 28.–30. Mai; Konferenz „Cosmic Dust – Near and Far“, Heidelberg, 8.–12. Sep.; MIRI European Consortium Meeting CD Nr. 13, Trinity College, Dublin/Irland, 17.–19. Sep.; SPITZER Conference, SSC, Pasadena, USA, 27.–30. Okt.

Wolfgang Brandner: Pan-STARRS1 Consortium Meeting, Heidelberg, 14.–18. Apr.; Konferenz „Astronomy at High Angular Resolution“, 21.–25. Apr. (Poster); CAHA Instrumentation Workshop, 11.–13. Juni

Mario Brix: SPIE – Astronomical Telescopes and Instrumentation, Advanced Optical and Mechanical Technologies in Telescopes and Instrumentation, Marseille, 23.–28. Juni (Poster, Vortrag)

Leonard Burtscher: DPG-Frühjahrstagung, Freiburg, 3.–7. März (Vortrag); VLTI Training School, Keszhely, Ungarn (2.–13. Juni); IMPRS Summer School „The Art & Craft of Astronomical Instrumentation“, Heidelberg, 1.–5. Sep.

Marcello Cacciato: Konferenz „Galactic Structure and Structure of Galaxies“, Ensenada, Mexiko, 17.–21. März (Poster)

Joseph Carson: Subaru SEEDS Workshop, 1. Feb. (Vortrag), IAU Symposium 253 „Transiting Planets“, Cambridge, MA, 19.–23. Mai (Poster); SPIE – Astronomical Telescopes and Instrumentation, Advanced Optical and Mechanical Technologies in Telescopes and Instrumentation, Marseille, 23.–28. Juni (Poster)

Helmut Dannerbauer: PACS Consortium Meeting Nr. 30, MPE, Garching, 24.–25. Jan.; Konferenz „Gas and Stars in Galaxies“, ESO, Garching, 10.–13. Juni (Vortrag); Konferenz „Cosmic Dust – Near and Far“, Heidelberg, 8.–12. Sep. (Vortrag); Konferenz „Understanding Lyman-alpha Emitters“, Heidelberg, 6.–10. Okt. (Vortrag)

Cornelis Dullemond: Winter school, Lecture on protoplanetary disks, 18.–22. Feb.; Konferenz „Astronomy at high angular resolution“

Jelte de Jong: IAU Symposium 254: „The Milky Way Disk in Cosmological Context“, 9.–13. Juni, Copenhagen (Vortrag); Konferenz „Chemical Evolution of Dwarf Galaxies and Stellar Clusters“, 21.–25. Juli, Garching (Vortrag)

Örs H. Detre: MIRI European Consortium Meeting CD Nr. 13, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, 17.–19. Sep.; JWST US/European Partners Workshop, München, 13. Okt.

Gaelle Dumas: Konferenz „Galaxy and Stellar Dynamics 2008“, Straßburg, 16.–20. März (Vortrag); „Gas and stars in galaxies. A multi-wavelength 3D perspective“, ESO Garching, 10.–13. Juni (Vortrag)

Markus Feldt: SPIE – Astronomical Telescopes and Instrumentation, Advanced Optical and Mechanical Technologies in Telescopes and Instrumentation, Marseille, 23.–28. Juni (Vortrag)

Board Meeting, Potsdam, 26 September (Vortrag); MICADO Team Meeting, Garching, 6. Okt. (Vortrag); ESO STC Meeting, Garching, 22. Okt. (Vortrag); LN Team Meeting, MPIA, 23. Okt. (Vortrag)

Stefan Hippler: METIS Science meeting, Heidelberg, 13.–14. Feb.; METIS team meeting, Sterrewacht, Leiden, 9.–10. Juni; METIS progress meeting, MPIA, Heidelberg, 8. Sep.; METIS AO meeting, MPIA, Heidelberg, 9. Sep.; E-ELT AO control strategy workshop, ESO, Garching, 22. Sep.; METIS AO working plan meeting, Sterrewacht, Leiden, 16. Okt.; ATLAS (Laser Tomography Adaptive Optics) – METIS first joint meeting, ONERA, Paris, 27. Nov.; GRAVITY AO meeting, MPIA, Heidelberg, 28. Jan.; GRAVITY Kick-off meeting, MPE, Garching, 8. Juli; GRAVITY AO meeting, MPE, Garching, 10. Juli

Ralph Hofferbert: MIRI European Consortium Meeting CD Nr. 12, Swedish National Space Board, Onsala, 28.–30. Mai; MIRI European Consortium Meeting CD Nr. 13, Trinity College, Dublin, 17.–19. Sep.

Rory Holmes: JWST US/European Partners Workshop, München, 13 Oktober

Felix Hormuth: Konferenz „Star Formation Across the Milky Way Galaxy“, ESO, Vitacura, Chile, 3.–6. März (Poster); Konferenz „The Universe under the Microscope – Astrophysics at High Angular Resolution“, Bad Honnef, 21.–25. April (Poster); SPIE – Astronomical Telescopes and Instrumentation, Advanced Optical and Mechanical Technologies in Telescopes and Instrumentation, Marseille, 23.–28. Juni (zwei Poster); 15th. Cool Star Meeting, St. Andrews, Scotland, 21.–25. Juli (Poster)

Friedrich Huisken: 2nd International Conference on New Diamond and Nano Carbons (NDNC2008), Taipei, Mai 26.–29. (Poster); Conference „Cosmic Dust Near and Far“, Heidelberg, September 8.–12. (Poster);

Klaus Jäger: Tagung zur Verleihung des Jugendsoftwarepreises der Klaus Tschira Stiftung gGmbH, Villa Bosch, Heidelberg, 25. Jan.; Heidelberg Astronomers' Convention, Kirchhoff-Institut für Physik, Heidelberg, 26. März; Treffen des Rats Deutscher Sternwarten, Argelander-Institut für Astronomie, Bonn, 28. März; Meeting der LBT-Beteiligungsellschaft, Heidelberg, MPIA, 29. Apr.; Tagung und Festveranstaltung „50 Jahre Max-Planck-Institut für Kernphysik“ (MPIK), Heidelberg Convention Center und MPIK, 1. Okt.; Explore Science, Mannheim, 9.–11. Juni; Treffen des Rats Deutscher Sternwarten, Universitäts-Sternwarte München (6. Okt.); Interdisziplinäres Wissenschaftssymposium der Klaus Tschira Stiftung „Einschläge von Asteroiden und Kometen – Gefahr für die Erde?“, Villa Bosch, Heidelberg (13. Nov.); Festveranstaltung „30 Jahre Spektrum-Verlag“, Technikmuseum Mannheim (21. Nov.)

Knud Jahnke: STAGES Collaboration Workshop, Obergurgl, Austria, 8.–12. Apr.; First PanSTARRS1 Science Consortium Meeting, Heidelberg, 14.–18. Apr.; COSMOS Collaboration Workshop, IAP Paris, 9.–13. Juni; Aspen Center for Physics, Workshop on Active Galactic Nuclei: The Interplay Between Supermassive Black Holes, Star Formation, and Galaxy Evolution, Aspen, USA, 14.–20. Juli.

Sebastian Jester: „XEUS: Physics of the hot evolving Universe“, ESA-ESTEC Noordwijk, März (Poster); Konferenz „The X-ray Universe“, Granada, Mai (Vortrag); Workshop on Cosmic Reionization, Kavli Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics/Beijing University, Juni (Vortrag)

Viki Joergens: Konferenz „Cool Stars No. 15“, St Andrews, Scotland, 21.–25. Juli (Poster), Konferenz „Origin and Evolution of Planets 2008“, Ascona, 29. Juni–4. Juli (Poster)

Attila Juhász: Konferenz „The Early Phase of Planet Formation – Wilhelm and Else Heraeus Physics Shool“, Bad Honnef, 18.–22. Feb. (Poster); Konferenz „Planet Formation Processes and the Developement of Prebiotic Conditions“, Pasadena, 17.–21. März (Vortrag); Konferenz „Cosmic Dust Near and Far, Heidelberg, 8.–12. Sep.“ (Poster); 5th Spitzer Conference „New Light on Young Stars“, Pasadena, 26.–30. Okt. (Poster); PSF External Retreat, Maulbronn, 8.–10. Okt. (Vortrag)

Juli; Konferenz „Unstructured meshes with periodic boundaries“, 20. Okt.; 1-Day symposium on the interstellar medium, Leiden, 7. Nov.; Grenoble, LAOG, 7. Feb.; Berlin, DLR, 9. Mai

Christian Fendt: „Astrophysical Jets – Formation and Propagation“, Institute Colloquium, Lund Observatory, Lund, 15. Mai; „MHD simulations of jet formation“ Haupt-Kolloquium, MPI für Radioastronomie, Bonn, 30. Mai

Fabio Fontanot: University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), 25. März (Vortrag); ESTEC, Noordwijk, 3. Dez. (Vortrag)

Markus Feldt: Symposium „Grundlagenforschung im Weltraum“, München, 13. Juni (Vortrag)

Kelly Foyle: Konferenz „Galaxy Evolution: Emerging Insights and Future Challenges“, Austin, Texas, 11.–14. Nov. (Vortrag); MPI für Astrophysik, Garching, 23. Mai (Vortrag)

Dimitrios Gouliermis: University of Sheffield, Feb. (Kolloquium); MPIA „Galaxy Coffee“, März (Vortrag); ESA/ESTEC, Apr. (Vortrag); International Workshop Star-forming Dwarf Galaxies, Okt. (Vortrag)

Thomas Henning: IAU Symposium 251 „Organic Matter in Space“, Hong Kong, 18.–22. Feb. (Vortrag); First Chinese-German Workshop „Star and Planet Formation, Nanjing, 31 März.–4. Apr. (Vortrag); ETH Konferenz „Origin and Evolution of Planets, Ascona, 29. Juni–4. Juli (Vortrag); Meeting „Early Phases of Star Formation“, Ringberg, 28. Juli–1. Aug. (Vortrag); „New Light on Young Stars: Spitzer’s View of Circumstellar Disks“, Pasadena, 26.–30. Okt. (Vortrag); Physikalisches Kolloquium, Universität Köln, 4. Nov.; Ringvorlesung, Universität Heidelberg, 8. Dez. (Vortrag)

Tom Herbst: Infrared Astrophysics, Tarquinia, Italien, 9. Juni (Vortrag); Natural Limits to Observations, Tarquinia, Italien, 10. Juni (Vortrag); Infrared Telescopes and Instruments, Tarquinia, Italy, 11. Juni (Vortrag); SPIE – Astronomical Telescopes and Instrumentation, Advanced Optical and Mechanical Technologies in Telescopes and Instrumentation, Marseille, 23.–28. Juni (Vortrag); Second Generation Science with the LBT, Ringberg, 15.–17. Juli (zwei Vorträge); IMPRS Summer School, Heidelberg, 1. Sep. (Vortrag); Future Ground-Based Solar System Research, Elba, 11. Sep. (Vortrag)

Sebastian Jester: Konferenz „The High-energy Astrophysics of Outflows from Compact Objects“, Ringberg, 7.–13. Dez. (Vortrag)

Viki Joergens: Argelander-Institut für Astronomie und MPI für Radioastronomie, Bonn, 18. Jan. (Vortrag); Hamburger Sternwarte, 24. Jan., (Vortrag); Konferenz „Cool Stars 15“, St. Andrews, Schottland, 21.–25. Juli (Vortrag)

Hubert Klahr: Universität Tübingen, Januar (Habilitationsvortrag); University of California, San Diego, März (Kolloquium); University of California, Santa Cruz, März (Kolloquium); MPIfR Bonn, Apr. (Vortrag); Konferenz „Origin and Evolution of Planets“, Ascona, 29. Juni–4. Juli (Discussion, Chair); JENAM 2008, Wien, 8.–10. Sep. (Vortrag); ENS Paris, September (Kolloquium); MPI für Dynamik und Selbstorganisation, Göttingen, Nov. (Kolloquium)

Rainer Klement: Konferenz „Back to the Galaxy II“ UC Santa Barbara, 29 September.–3. Okt. (Vortrag)

Oliver Krause: Helsinki Observatory, Astrophysical Colloquium, 25. Aug. (Vortrag), Observatory of Turku, 28. Aug. (Kolloquium)

Jaron Kurk: ESO Workshop on Large Programmes, Garching, 13.–15. Okt. (Vortrag)

Martin Kürster: ESO Workshop on Large Programmes, Garching, 13.–15. Okt. (Vortrag)

Ralf Launhardt: VLTI School, Keszthely, 2.–13. Juni, (Vortrag)

Dietrich Lemke: „Fernrohre im Weltraum – Entdeckungen im kalten Kosmos“, Studium Generale, Universität Heidelberg, 15. Dez.; „Infrarot-Weltraumteleskope“, Studium Generale,

Universität Marburg, 17. Dez.

Hendrik Linz: MPI für Radioastronomie, Bonn, 24. Juli (Kolloquium); CSIRO ATNF Headquarters Marsfield, Sydney, 23. Sep. (Vortrag)

Andrea Macciò: Konferenz „Dark Matter at Small Scales“, Paris, 12.–15. Feb. (Übersichtsvortrag), Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 14. Mai (Vortrag); Lausanne, EPFL, 15. Okt. (Vortrag)

Nicolas Martin: Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge, UK, Januar (Colloquium); „Back to the Galaxy II“, Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, Santa Barbara, California, September (Vortrag)

Klaus Meisenheimer: Oxford University, 10. Juni (Kolloquium)

Kim Nilsson: Sternwarte Stockholm, Schweden, 30. Apr. (Seminar)

Hans-Walter Rix: UC Berkeley, 6. März (Kolloquium); Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at LLNL, Livermore/CA, USA, 7. März (Kolloquium); Institut für Theoretische Physik und Astrophysik, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, 27. Mai (Kolloquium); Institute of Astronomy Cambridge, UK, 29. Mai (Vortrag); Ringberg-Workshop „Second Generation Science with the Large Binocular Telescope“, Ringberg Castle, Tegernsee, 15. Juli (Vortrag); 3rd Sino-German Workshop on Galactic Astronomy with LAMOST, Weihai, China, 24. Juli (Vortrag); Konferenz „Back to the Galaxy II“, The Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA, 3. Okt. (Vortrag); Festkolloquium Prof. Werner Holzmüller, Universität Leipzig, 16. Dez. (Kolloquium)

Ralf-Rainer Rohloff: Verein für Technik-Geschichte in Jena e.V., 11. Juni (Vortrag)

Eva Schinnerer: Kapteyn Institute, Universität Groningen University (Kolloquium)

Johny Setiawan: Universität Jena 16. Jan. (Vortrag); Kiepenheuer-Institut für Sonnenphysik: 14. Feb. (Vortrag); ESA-ESTEC, 15. Feb. (Vortrag); Asian Science Camp, 3.–9. Aug. (Vortrag)

Aurora Sicilia-Aguilar: IAA Granada, 17. Jan. (Vortrag)

Kester Smith: ELSA School, Barcelona, 1.–5. Sep. (Vortrag)

Jürgen Steinacker: University of Applied Sciences, Remagen, 29. Mai (Vortrag); Marie Curie Research Training Network JETSET: 5th School on High Performance Computing in Astrophysics, Galway, 9. Jan. (Vortrag)

Christy Tremonti: Austin Konferenz „Galaxy Evolution (Vortrag); Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 18. Nov. (Kolloquium)

Roy van Boekel: Konferenz „The Universe under the Microscope“, Bad Honnef, 21.–25. Apr. (Vortrag)

Frank van den Bosch: University of Utah, Salt Lake City, 14. Feb. (Kolloquium); Rutgers University, Piscataway, New Jersey, 28. März (Kolloquium); University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 28. Aug. (Kolloquium); Leiden University, 13. Nov. (Kolloquium)

Fabian Walter: NRAO, Charlottesville/USA, Mai (Kolloquium); Workshop „Gas and Stars in Galaxies – A Multi-Wavelength 3D Perspective“, Garching, 10.–13. Juni (Vortrag); Konferenz „Cosmic Dust, Near and Far“, Heidelberg, 8.–12. Sep. (Vortrag); Straßburg, Dez. (Kolloquium)

Xi Kang: Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, 4. Juli (Vortrag)

Vortragsreihen:

Coryn Bailer-Jones: „Introduction to Machine Learning and Pattern Recognition“, MPIA, Feb./März

Joseph Carson: „Introduction to IDL“, MPIA, Feb. und Dez.

Andrea Macciò: „Large Scale Structure Simulations vs. Observations“, Young Researcher Meeting, Transregio 33, Heidelberg, März

Fabian Walter: SPP Summerschool of the DFG, Bad Honnef, Aug.

Hans-Walter Rix: „The Milky Way in a Cosmological Context XX“. Canary Islands Winter School of Astrophysics, Teneriffa, Spanien, 17.–20. Nov.

Populärwissenschaftliche Vorträge:

Eric Bell: Vortrag zur Sonnenfinsternis im Eva von Tiele Winkler Kindergarten, Leimen

Wolfgang Brandner: „Braune Zwerge – gescheiterte Sterne oder Superplaneten?“, Astronomie am Sonntag Vormittag, 1. Juni, und Freundeskreis des Planetariums Mannheim, 7. Okt.

Helmut Dannerbauer: „Galaxienkollisionen“, Astronomie am Sonntag Vormittag, MPIA, 13. Juli

Roland Gredel: „Die Neuen Riesenteleskope“, Gesprächskreis Rhein-Neckar, 31. Jan.; „Neue Teleskope in der bodengebundenen Astronomie“, Gymnasium Cotta, 24. Juni; „Die neuen Riesenteleskope – Giganten für den Blick ins All“, Gymnasium Dippoldiswalde, 25. Juni; „Das Large Binocular Telescope“, IMPRS Schule, Heidelberg, 1. Sep.; „Das Europäische Großteleskop E-ELT“, Planetarium Mannheim, 12. Dez.

Christian Fendt: „Kosmische Düsentriebwerke – Jets von jungen Sternen und Schwarzen Löchern“, Planetarium Mannheim, 15. Apr., und Astronomie am Sonntagvormittag, Heidelberg, 29. Juni

Markus Feldt: „Astronomie zum Anfassen“, Explore Science 2008, Mannheim, 11. Juni

Kelly Foyle: MPG Workshop on Arts and Science, München, 12. Sep. (Vortrag)

Thomas Henning: „Entstehung von Planetensystemen“, Planetarium Mannheim; „Extrasolare Planeten“, Rotary Club, Mainz

Tom Herbst: „Building the Large Binocular Telescope“, Vortrag vor Schülern, MPIA, 21. Juli

Klaus Jäger: „Galaxien und Terabytes – Optische Astronomie im Zeitalter moderner Großteleskope“, Astrophysik-Wochenendseminar im Bildungszentrum Butenschoen-Haus in Landau (Pfalz) des „Life Science Lab“ des Deutschen Krebsforschungszentrums Heidelberg (DKFZ), 8. März (Vortrag); „Geheimnisvolle Quasare – einem Rätsel auf der Spur“, Hauptversammlung des Vereins „Internationale Amateur-Sternwarte Gamsberg/Namibia“ in Schriesheim, 19. Apr. (Vortrag); „Scharfe Blicke in die Tiefen des Alls – Schöne und lehrreiche Bilder von HUBBLE und Co.“, Starkenburg-Sternwarte Heppenheim, 22. Apr. (Vortrag); „Der Himmel im Computer – Virtuelle Planetarien“, Girls'Day, MPIA, 24. Apr. (Vortrag); „Geheimnisvolle Quasare – einem Rätsel auf der Spur“, Vortragsreihe „Astronomie am Sonntag Vormittag“, MPIA, 24. Mai (Vortrag); „Geheimnisvolle Quasare – einem Rätsel auf der Spur“, Vortrag zur zentralen Veranstaltung des 6. bundesweiten Tag der Astronomie der Vereinigung der Sternfreunde e.V., Planetarium Mannheim, 6. Sep. (Vortrag); „Galaxien und Terabytes D Optische Astronomie im Zeitalter moderner Großteleskope“, BOGY-Praktikum, MPIA, 20. Okt. (Vortrag); „Geheimnisvolle Quasare – einem Rätsel auf der Spur“, Starkenburg-Sternwarte Heppenheim, 25. Nov. (Vortrag); „Scharfe Blicke in die Tiefen des Alls – Schöne und lehrreiche Bilder von HUBBLE und Co.“, Fachhochschule Rüsselsheim: Rüsselsheimer Sternfreunde e.V., 12. Dez. (Vortrag)

Oliver Krause: „Herschel und Planck – Europas neue Weltraumobservatorien“, Astronomie am Sonntag Vormittag, MPIA, 15. Juni

Dietrich Lemke: „Zurück zum Mond“, Starkenburg Sternwarte, Heppenheim, 18. März; „Sind wir allein im Universum?“, Tagung Leiter JVA, Lüneburg, 8. Mai; „400 Jahre astronomisches Fernrohr“, Sternfreunde Nordenham, 9. Okt.; „Sind wir allein im Universum?“,

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