

# Lund Observatory

## Newsletter – April 2009

This is this month's edition of the Lund Observatory Newsletter. Please send information to Nils Ryde before the beginning of each month (*email: ryde@astro.lu.se*).

### Lund Observatory Staff News

#### Visits:

- 1-9:** Dr. Jacques Beckers will visit Torben Andersen. He will take part in meetings related to the Earthshine telescope project and will be working in Anita's office during his stay.
- 1st half of April:** Dr Sepehr Arbabi is currently temporarily working at Lund Observatory. Sepehr represents the Iranian National Observatory (INO), preparing for a 3-m class telescope. Sepehr will stay in Lund until the second half of April. He works in the room previously occupied by Anders Sjöström.
- 20-24:** Justin Read from Zürich visits Sofia Feltzing
- 27-30:** Mark Wilkinson from Leicester visits Melvyn Davies and Daniel Adén
- 27/4-1/5:** Nial Tanvir, Dougal Mackey, and Andrew Levan visits Melvyn Davies
- The Seminars list:** can be found at [www.astro.lu.se/Seminars](http://www.astro.lu.se/Seminars).

### Absences/Trips By Lund Observatory Staff

- 23/3-11/4:** Melvyn B. Davies visitor at Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, Santa Barbara, USA
- 27/3-1/4:** Nils Ryde visits Uppsala Observatory working with Bengt Gustafsson and Bengt Edvarsson
- 1-2 & 5-13:** Berry on secondment working on radiation damage effect of Gaia (Cambridge).
- 6-7:** Lennart and Berry to Gaia Radiation Taskforce meeting, Cambridge
- 16:** Melvyn B. Davies attending Onsala board meeting in Onsala
- 17:** Sofia Feltzing visits Stockholm Observatory and gives a seminar
- 19-22:** Lennart, David and Berry to Gaia CU3 meeting, Torino
- 20-24:** Richard Blackwell-Whitehead attending the Joint European National Astronomy Meeting, Hertfordshire University, United Kingdom
- 24/4-2/5:** Lennart, David and Berry to IAU Symposium 261 "Relativity in Fundamental Astronomy", Virginia Beach
- 26-28:** Nils Ryde attending ESO Users' Committee meeting at Garching
- 29:** Nils Ryde visiting Ulli Käuffl at ESO
- 27-30:** Richard Blackwell-Whitehead attending the Optical Society of America Fourier Transform Spectroscopy conference, Vancouver, Canada

### Important Dates

- 1:** 11.00 in the foyer - presentation of the posters made in course Galaxies and Cosmology, all are invited
- 1:** the board of the Science faculty meets
- 2-5:** "100 hours" activities can be found at the following two sites: <http://www.astro.lu.se/IYA2009/100timmar/> and [http://www.100timmar.info/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=27&Itemid=35](http://www.100timmar.info/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=27&Itemid=35) Everyone is encouraged to come by and help out.
- 3:** **Daniel Adén defends his licentiat thesis, examiners Nils Bergvall Uppsala and Nils Ryde Lund**