

The background of the slide is a deep space scene. In the upper left, the Moon is visible as a grey sphere with craters. In the lower right, a large portion of the Earth is shown, with blue oceans and green landmasses. The rest of the background is a dark field filled with numerous small, bright stars. A bright red star with a lens flare is positioned in the center-left area.

Welcome to the 3rd RoPACS
meeting
(DP,EM,VB,FR)

RoPACS news & info

RoPACS meeting, IAC Tenerife
17-18 Nov 2009

David Pinfield
University of Hertfordshire

Recruitment

- RoPACS start 1st Dec 2008
- ESR recruitment during year 1
- All 11 early-stage researchers now recruited
- 4 post-doctoral “Experienced Researcher” posts to be advertised soon (to commence next year)

The RoPACS community

- 11 ESRs and 4 ERs are part of a RoPACS community of ~70 people, across;
- 6 academic nodes, industrial partner Astrium
- +6 associated partners: DIAS, Leiden, Paris, SIM, SLC, UNED
- (see the RoPACS web pages)

	UH	IoA	IAC	MPE	LAEX	MAO	Astrium	APs
Staff	5	1	4	5	2	6	3	8
ESR-PhD	3	1	2	2	2	1	(1: UH)	-
Other-PhD	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
ER-PDRAs	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other-PDRAs	4	0	5	2	5	-	-	-

Early Stage Researchers

- Most of you are here!
- Local red-tape? Ask your supervisor and/or node leader
- EC/FP7 related questions? Can also ask me directly – I am RoPACS point of contact with EC
- I will be in touch soon with node leaders and their ESRs about signing “declarations of conformity” for the EC – you are all eligible (we have checked!) but you must sign a form to confirm this

Early Stage Researchers

- From day 1 please keep your own records of all local training activities, apart from your research;
 - Lectures, staff development, seminars, etc
 - Conferences/meeting attended
 - Outreach activities
- Some network-wide training actions planned (and monitored), but local activities must be tracked by ESRs
- And of any productivity;
 - Refereed papers as 1st author or co-author
 - Any conference proceedings
 - Press releases you are involved with
 - Outreach activities you do

Early Stage Researchers

- A little extra paper work, but important for RoPACS
- Will make your CV easier to write when you are job hunting
- Updates will be requested regularly, so simplest to have everything in a log book!
- One ESR is needed as a representative on the RoPACS management committee
- Have a think if you would like to nominate yourself

This meeting

- 35 participants, including some external RoPACS collaborators
- New PhD student introduction + initial plans
- Science:
 - WTS update - observations/processing
 - WTS transits searches (from IoA and MPE)
 - WTS transit follow-up (from Leiden)
 - Future plans for transit follow-up (e.g. RISE, HET, CARMENES/NAHUAL)
 - POTS transit follow-up
 - Open cluster transits
 - Binarity & exoplanets
 - ESA Cosmic Vision
 - Spectral modelling
 - Asteroseismology