



# RoPACS meeting at EWASS

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- RoPACS and EWASS are benefiting well from this combined meeting
- RoPACS people have organised 3 of the EWASS parallel sessions, with a broad range of topics
  - Understanding sub-stellar populations: from brown dwarfs to exo-planets
  - Star formation: from massive stars to brown dwarfs
  - Constraints on galaxy formation and evolution
- And have given 8 talks in these sessions, and presented numerous posters
- Astrium are making an important contribution to EWASS, including Brigitte, space telescope models, financial assistance, school tours, and linking to the ESA sessions

# RoPACS recruitment

- 35 applications for ESRs received by end Feb
- UH interviews for a short-list of 13 completed yesterday (interview and short-list panel included UH and Astrium reps)
- MPE recruited 1 of their 2 ESRs
- MPE and IAC and LAEX-CAB interviews ongoing
- Additional offers from UH and MPE ready to go out over next week or so
- IoA interviews expected in May
- MAO interviews over next few months
- 10 additional applications received since Feb – about to be added to website

# New associated partners

- Leiden, led by Ignas Snellen
- Collaborating on WTS and in other related areas
- MPIA, led by Christina Afonso
- Simon and I have both discussed some RoPACS/WTS issues with Christina. Discussion ongoing

# ITN coordinators' meeting

- Category D and E EC audits relaxed for FP7 ITNs
- Moving funds around – funds can be moved around within ABCD and EFGH, and also from EFGH into ABCD, but not from ABCD into EFGH
- Management costs expenditure only assessed at end of project
- Overheads (10%) must be spent during each period
- Career development plan templates (for ESRs & ERs) provided by EC – will circulate soon
- Declaration of conformity forms need to be filled in when recruiting, to ensure eligibility

# Meeting agenda

- 14:00 – 14:10 David Pinfield (UH)  
Opening and updates (10 mins)
- 14:10 – 14:40 Carlos del Burgo (IAC)  
NAHUAL – project status (25+5 mins)
- 14:40 – 15:10 Ignas Snellen (Leiden)  
RoPACS research at Leiden (25+5 mins)
- 15:10 – 15:30 John Barnes (UH)  
Exoplanets with near infrared high  
resolution spectroscopy (20+5 mins)
- **15:30 – 16:00** **Coffee**
- 16:00 – 16:25 Marco Montalto (MPE)  
Search for exoplanets in metal-rich open clusters  
and in the surrounding fields (20+5 mins)
- 16:25 – 16:50 Doug Weights (UH)  
RoPACS webpage development (15+10 mins)
- **16:50** **Finish**

The end