# Monthly Newsletter for the Department of Astronomy and Theoretical Physics, May 2012

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#### **Staff News**

#### Visitors:

- 7-24 Karsten Dittrich (Heidelberg) visits Anders Johansen
- 16-20 Greg Ruchti visits the department prior to taking up his postdoc in the Autumn, his wife Jenny and baby daughter will be visiting too

### **Absences/Trips by Staff of the Department**

- 3 Sofia Feltzing gives colloquium at Alba Nova, Stockholm
- 3 Dainis Dravins is member of evaluation committees for two PhD theses at the University of Latvia, Riga
- 4-II Patrik Edén vacation
- 5 Melvyn B. Davies attending VR RFI meeting in Stockholm
- 5-12 Ross Church attends Gamma-ray Bursts 2012 in Munich, Germany
- 6-12 Alexey Bobrick attends "Gamma-ray Bursts 2012" conference in Munich
- 6-19 Roman Pasechnik visits Sao Paolo University and gives there a series of guest lectures on principles of hard and soft QCD dynamics, Sao Paolo, Brazil
- 7-8 Dainis Dravins and Elvijs Matrozis attend a Baltic conference on astronomy and space data processing at Ventspils University College, Latvia
- 7-II Melvyn B. Davies, Ross Church and Alexey Bobrick attending gamma-ray burst conference in Munich
- 8 Sofia Feltzing attends the Gaia-ESO Survey steering committee meeting in Arcetri, Italy
- 14-16 Dainis Dravins attends meeting with Europan Research Council, Brussels
- 17-18 Dainis Dravins attends Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA) consortium meeting in Amsterdam
- 21-24 Sofia Feltzing attends the Radial Migrations workshop in Slovenia
- 21-26 Roman Pasechnik attends the International Workshop on "Drell-Yan Scattering and the Structure of Hadrons", Trento, Italy
- Anders Johansen and Melvyn B. Davies attend meeting on protoplanetary discs at Nordita in Stockholm
- 28-31 Thomas Bensby at the "The metallicity distribution in the Milky Way discs" conference in Bologna
- 28-1/6 Chiara Battistini and Cheng Liu in Uppsala for SME training
- 29 31 Leif Lönnblad attends Workshop on event generators and resummation at DESY, Hamburg
- 29- 1/6 Anders Johansen attends meeting on "The Warm Universe: Astrochemistry at Intermediate and Elevated Temperatures" in Tallin

## **Important Dates, Events, and Information**

- 2 & 4 PhD student talks in Lundmarksalen
- 14-15 Crafoord symposium and prize
- 24 Prof. Bryan Webber, 2012 Honorary Doctor, gives a special seminar (at 10.00, in the Ecology building; later lunch and mingle)
- 28 Departmental board meeting
- 28 IGU meets

Week 22 Finishing master students in astrophysics hold their exam presentations