

Short description written by each ESR and ER

Project acronym: **ELSA**
Project ID (6 digits): **033481**
Project Participant: Lund Observatory, Lund University

You			Your stay in the network				
NAME, first name	Nationality	Previous place of work/education	Start date	Duration (months)	Category ESR/ER	Place	Country
Holl, Berry	Dutch	Studied Astronomy in Leiden (NL)	1 Sep 2007	36 months	ESR	Lund	Sweden

Before I started in the network I studied Astronomy in Leiden. After I graduated I directly started my position in Lund.

In the network I have a lot of contact with other fellows. I have worked/am working with several of them (ESR and ER) on different projects in different places (me visiting them, as well as they visiting Lund). An example is a 6-week and 2-week secondment to the Cambridge node, where I worked with 3 ELSA fellows and 3 Gaia associated students. In the network I have also been part of the organization of the schools ELSA Workshop on Software Engineering and Numerics (Barcelona 1-5 Sep 2008), and I have been involved in modifying and editing the official ELSA page and the ELSA Gaia-wiki pages.

Outside the network, this year, I have also been to workshops concerning programming and scientific writing, and an astronomic conference. Coming year I will go to at least two other big international astronomical conferences where I will present a poster and/or give a presentation about my work. I also visit (and contribute to) Gaia meetings that are relevant for my work, which is very educational for me.

The only difficulty I sometimes have is efficiently planning my time to work on/with various subjects and people. To cope with this we now started to prioritize and schedule the different tasks I want to accomplish a few months ahead, which is important for me since it helps me to see what it I am working towards.

In my work I have now reached the stage that I start to produce and analyze new scientific interesting data. The main product of my passed time is a software program that allows for a detailed study of the data reduction part of Gaia that my thesis is about. My efforts up till now seem to be much appreciated and the work I do gives me great pleasure. I am very much looking forward to the time that is left of the period of my employment.