

# Lund Observatory

## Newsletter – August 2008

This is the August 2008 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

- Post-doc:** Zhiwen Wu has taken up a post-doc position in the Telescope group and will work on integrated modeling for the European ELT with special emphasis on adaptive optics. Zhiwen has room B241.
- Visitor:** Ahmad Darudi from Tehran and the Iranian National Observatory project will work here in Lund with members of the telescope group until mid September, when he returns to his university for lectures. He is a specialist in optics and optical testing, not least with interferometry. He is very active in adaptive optics. Here, he will have quite a bit to do with our adaptive-optics instrumentation.
- Visitor:** Eric Josselin (Montpellier) will collaborate with N. Ryde on non-LTE water vapor calculations, 18 August - 7 September.
- Visitor:** Michelle Picardo (ESAC, Madrid) will visit Berry, Lennart, and David to work on using the Gaia data processing and how it might be adapted for the Japanese nano-Jasmine project (a small scale Gaia copy).

The **Seminars list** for the Spring can be found at [www.astro.lu.se/seminars](http://www.astro.lu.se/seminars).

### Absences/Trips By Lund Observatory Staff

- 10-24:** D. Dravins, D. Adén, et al. at the Nordic-Baltic summer school "Observational Stellar Astrophysics", Moletai, Litauen. <http://mao.itpa.lt/nordforsk/>
- 21-27:** M. Davies is lecturing at a workshop on gamma-ray bursts and supernova at Abisko.

### Important Dates

- 5:** Lina Kohlström defends her master thesis.
- 15:** Alexander Hansson defends his master project at 10.30.
- 19:** One day event together with Theoretical Physic.
- 1st Sept:** Starting day of the master's programme at 13.15.