

2013-2014 NIGHT-TIME CCI International Time Programme

***NB: The deadline for the 2013 call for proposals is
midnight, February 28, 2013.***

The International Scientific Committee (CCI) of the Roque de los Muchachos (ORM, La Palma) and Teide (OT, Tenerife) observatories invites applications for International Time Programmes (ITP) on telescopes installed at these Observatories, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement on Cooperation in Astrophysics and its Protocol.

The ITP offers up to 5% of the observing time, evenly spread throughout the year and the lunar cycle, at the telescopes listed on the ITP web page:

www.iac.es/eno.php?op1=5&op2=13&op3=26&lang=en **Specific guidelines for the individual telescope facilities are available on their websites.** The proposal can request observing time over a period of up to two consecutive years.

The aim of the ITP is to encourage international scientific projects of the highest quality, which cannot easily be accommodated within other time allocation schemes, and which foster collaboration between the different user institutions on the observatories. Proposals should be international in their range of participants and are expected to involve astronomers from the European countries that are signatories to the Agreements for Cooperation in Astrophysics during the period in which observing time is requested*. Moreover, astronomers from scientific institutions from any other country in the world can be included. The PI should ensure in advance that those astronomers participating in observing runs will have access to travel and subsistence funds, as this is not provided by the CCI or OPTICON.

The observing programmes should concentrate on a significant astronomical investigation. Proposals that would benefit from the use of more than one facility, and in particular those which would be unlikely to obtain the necessary large amount of observing time through the usual time allocation panels because of the difficulty to coordinate several telescopes, are encouraged. Hence a typical ITP program is a large, or small, international program which involves a complementary use of different telescope facilities.

Scientific excellence is a prime consideration. Each proposal will be assessed scientifically by the respective TACs and by the CCI, which reserves the right not to make an award on one or more telescopes if the quality of the proposals is not adequate to justify their use. The CCI may award time to one or more projects..

Annual brief progress reports will be required by the CCI from successful applicants. Not later than one year after the final period of observing time the acquired data products will be made publically available and a report submitted to the CCI for publication in its Annual Report.

* Germany, UK, Belgium, Spain, Italy, France & Finland.

Practical boundary conditions:

Proposers must bear in mind that specific instrumentation may not be available at all times and that the CCI does not schedule the observing time as this is done by the corresponding technical committees of each telescope or group of telescopes. Therefore, if a proposal will require specific scheduling requirements for a telescope, or coordinated requirements at various telescopes, the PI needs to contact the telescope staff (identified via the web link above) to discuss this in advance of submitting the application. Large scale monitoring projects that require a fraction of many nights are discouraged because of the interference in normal observing programmes. Short programs which require simultaneous observations with different facilities need accurate and timely arrangements with the telescope time schedulers involved.

Proposals are considered on an annual cycle. The closing date for submission of proposals to the next ITP is the last day of February each year for projects, which may start during the second semester of the same year. The application form will be available at:

<http://www.otri.iac.es/cci/> from February 1st, 2013 and requires the following information:

- a. Title; list of applicants and their affiliations
- b. An informative summary, not exceeding one side of A4
- c. A science case including:
 - Relevant background
 - Motivation for programme
 - What the programme can achieve
- d. A table specifying the time request per telescope and observing mode.
- e. A description of the observations to be obtained (including a target list) and assessment of feasibility (technical case).
- f. A project management plan, which includes how the work will be shared among the CoIs
- g. A commentary on the use made of earlier ITP time awarded to any of the applicants (only if ITP has been granted previously).
- h. References.

The page limit for each section is indicated on the web file; any information beyond this limit will be excluded. Proposals can be submitted electronically via the web, however they should also be saved as a pdf file and sent by e-mail to: cci@iac.es

The CCI Secretary will confirm its safe reception.

The Solar ITP is advertised and managed for the CCI by the EAST:

www.astro-east.org/