

**NIGHT TIME**  
**CCI International Time Programme**  
**on telescopes at the**  
**European Northern Observatory**

**Announcement of Opportunity**

The International Scientific Committee (CCI) of the Roque de los Muchachos (ORM) and Teide (OT) observatories invites applications for International Time Programmes (ITP) on telescopes installed at these Observatories. The ITP offers up to 5% of the observing time, evenly spread *throughout the year and the lunar cycle*, at the telescopes listed below. **An ITP proposal can request observing time over a period of up to two subsequent years.**

List of telescopes, contact persons & e-mails

Telescope	Location	Details from	E-Mail
4.2m WHT	ORM	Dr Chris Benn ING, La Palma.	<a href="mailto:crb@ing.iac.es">crb@ing.iac.es</a>
2.5m INT	ORM	Dr Romano Corradi ING, La Palma	<a href="mailto:rcorradi@ing.iac.es">rcorradi@ing.iac.es</a>
3.5m TNG	ORM	Dr Antonio Magazzu TNG, La Palma	<a href="mailto:magazzu@tng.iac.es">magazzu@tng.iac.es</a> & <a href="mailto:oliva@tng.iac.es">oliva@tng.iac.es</a>
LT	ORM	Dr Dave Carter John Moores University, Liverpool, UK	<a href="mailto:dxcc@astro.livjm.ac.uk">dxcc@astro.livjm.ac.uk</a>
1.2 Mercator	ORM	Prof Christoffel Waelkens, KUL, Belgium	<a href="mailto:Waelkens@ster.kuleuven.ac.be">Waelkens@ster.kuleuven.ac.be</a>
2.5m NOT	ORM	Prof Johannes Andersen NBIfAFG, Astronomical Observatory, Copenhagen	<a href="mailto:ja@not.iac.es">ja@not.iac.es</a>
1.5m CST	OT	Dr Alex Oscoz, IAC, Tenerife.	<a href="mailto:aoscoz@ll.iac.es">aoscoz@ll.iac.es</a>

General web links:

**<http://www.iac.es/gabinete/orm/teles1.html>**

**<http://www.iac.es/gabinete/oteide/instala1.html>**

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.

The aim of the ITP is to encourage large-scale international scientific projects of the highest quality, which cannot easily be accommodated within other time allocation schemes. Proposals should be international in their range of participants and are expected to *involve astronomers from at least two of the European countries that have signed the Agreements for Cooperation in Astrophysics. They can include astronomers from scientific institutions in any of the countries associated with the EC's Framework Programmes and may entitle them to reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs related to their participation in the observing programme. Moreover, such proposals can include astronomers from scientific institutions from any other country in the world, but this does not entail the right to reimbursement of their expenses.*

The observing programmes should concentrate on a single large-scale astronomical investigation. Proposals that would benefit from the use of more than one facility, and

which would be unlikely to obtain the necessary observing time through the usual time allocation panels because of the scale of the project, or because of the difficulty to coordinate several telescopes, are especially encouraged. However, collaborative international projects that require the use of a single facility are also welcome.

Scientific excellence is a prime consideration. Each proposal will be assessed scientifically 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. Once a project is selected, and with the agreement of the Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias, any Spanish institution shall have the right to join the programme if it wishes.

Annual brief progress reports will be required by the CCI from successful applicants. On completion of the programme, and not later than two years after the final period of observing time, a full report should be submitted to the CCI for publication in its Annual Report.

Proposals are considered on an annual cycle. The closing date for submission of proposals to the 2004 ITP is Friday 6 February, for projects which may start during the fall of the same year. A specific application form is not necessary but proposals must contain 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

There is a total page limit of 20 A4 sides; any information beyond this limit will be excluded. Proposals should be submitted electronically as pdf, word or ps files to:  
**cci@ll.iac.es**