

## OTHER NEWS FROM ING


### Scientific Conference Organised by ING

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ING is organising a major international conference, entitled "The central kiloparsec of starbursts and AGNs: the La Palma connection", which will be held from 7 to 11 May 2001, on La Palma. The conference is organised completely within ING, and financially supported by ING, the Excmo. Cabildo Insular de La Palma (local government) and the Patronato de Turismo de La Palma (tourist board). It will be held in the luxurious Hotel Hacienda San Jorge, in the small resort town of Los Cancajos, which is very close to ING's sea-level base in Santa Cruz de La Palma.

The conference has been motivated by recent advances in high-resolution observations, theory and modelling, which have focused our attention on the central kiloparsec regions of nearby disk galaxies. These regions often show profound starburst and/or nonstellar activity, accompanied by intricate gas and dust morphologies and kinematics. One of the main themes of the conference is the study of the origin and evolution of the phenomena occurring in these central regions, and their possible causal interrelationships. The delegates will also explore links between the central kiloparsec regions and their host galaxies, and the roles these regions play in galaxy evolution. The conference will review recent progress and discuss the future strategies on this research field.

Invited reviews will be given by a number of eminent astronomers from USA and Europe, including D. J. Axon (Univ. of Hertfordshire, U.K.), J. E. Beckman (IAC, Spain), F. Combes (Obs. de Paris, France), B. G. Elmegreen (IBM, USA), J. H. Knapen (Univ. of Hertfordshire, U.K. and ING), C. Leitherer (STScI, USA), D. Lynden-Bell (Univ. of Cambridge, U.K.), C. Norman (Johns Hopkins Univ. and STScI, USA), D. Merritt (Rutgers Univ., USA), N. Z. Scoville (CalTech, USA), I. Shlosman (Univ. of Kentucky, USA), and K. A. Weaver (Johns Hopkins Univ., USA). The attendance to the conference is limited by the capacity of the conference room in the hotel to just over 100 people.

For further information, we have set up a website with address:  
<http://www.ing.iac.es/conferences/centralkpc/>  


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### News from the Roque

A picture is worth a thousand words... So rather than wasting many lines we show two recent pictures of buildings that are being erected. The first one is of the 1.2-m Mercator telescope facility, located close to the Isaac Newton telescope and not to be mistaken with the future Liverpool telescope that will be constructed nearby. The second picture shows progress made on the GranTeCan 10-m telescope project. The lower part of the telescope building is well advanced. The gaps in the concrete construction are for future air ventilation apertures of the dome area. Recently the University of Florida and two Mexican institutes, UNAM and INAOE, signed up to the GranTeCan project.



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