

## Biography of Ivelina Momcheva



Iva Momcheva received her BS in physics from Sofia University in Bulgaria and her PhD in astronomy from University of Arizona, Tucson. Following research positions at Carnegie Observatories and Yale University, she is now a scientist at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. In her current position, she is responsible for making sure the Hubble Space Telescope continues to produce its beautiful and scientifically important images with the Wide Field Camera 3 instrument. In her research, she works on understanding how distant galaxies evolve. Fun facts: her favorite animal is moose and she recently had an asteroid named after her: 8260 Momcheva.