Instruments Division News
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• Congratulations to the following data analysts who have just been promoted to the rank of Senior Data Analyst:
  - Elizabeth Barker
  - Bryan Hilbert
  - Jessica Kim
  - Cheryl Pavlovski

• We’ve hired 5 new term-hire instrument scientists to help us with SM4 and SMOV:
  - Aparna Maybhate will join the ACS+WFPC2 team on March 3.
  - Andre Martel, currently working with us half time on the JHU sub-contract, will join the WFC3 team full time in February.
  - David Golimowski, also working with us on the JHU sub-contract, will join the ACS+WFPC2 full time on February 18.
  - Norman Grogin will join the ACS+WFPC2 team on March 17.
  - Susana Deustua will join the WFC3 team.

• New ESA scientists joining INS in February include
  - Elena Sabbi, who will join the WFC3 team.
  - Danny Lennon, who will join the COS+STIS team.

• We have also hired an Optics Scientist, Robert Upton, who will join the Telescopes Group and support JWST.

• We are continuing to add office space on the 4th floor. S406 was divided into two offices, and N407, my old office, is being converted in a similar fashion.
  - Charles Proffitt has moved into one of the S406 offices.
  - Deepashri Thatte and Pey-Lian Lim have moved into Charles’ old office, so we now have all of the DA Group on the 3rd and 4th floors.

• We’ve nearly completed our search for a new Data Analyst Group Lead. Interviews are complete, and I expect to announce the selection early next week. Thanks to everyone, especially the DA Group, who helped in the job definition and interview process.

• HST news:
  - CP17 has been out for over a month, with 6 weeks to go before the deadline.
  - NASA is in the process of slipping the SM4 launch date to September 5, or possible a week earlier, but nothing is official yet. The instruments and STScI will continue to work to our previous schedules.
  - The Bologna conference on science with HST after SM4 is the week after next. Members of all HST instrument teams will be present to support questions from European users.

• JWST news:
  - Operations Scripts Subsystem PDR, January 22-23 at STScI.
  - JWST Science Working Group Meeting, February 5-6 at STScI.
  - Proposal and Planning System SRR, February 19-20 at STScI.
• An update on the INS Diversity, Culture and Respect Working Group:
  o Kevin Lindsey distributed the complete set of recommendations in two
    batches on November 30, 2007, and December 21st.
  o A more comprehensive final report will be distributed in February.
  o The next step is to discuss these recommendations more widely in the
    division within individual teams and groups to develop a consensus for
    implementation. Please read and consider the recommendations.
• The next INS pizza lunch is next week, January 24, in the Boardroom. Unfortunately,
  our usual time slot of 12-1:30 overlaps the special colloquium by Jason Tumlinson, so
  I’d like to delay the lunch to 1-2:30. If you plan to attend, please give $5 to Debbie
  Brenner by 5 pm next Wednesday. Thanks!