Instruments Division News
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• HST news:
  o SM4 is holding at Oct. 8, 2008. Further news likely after next week’s launch.
  o WFC3 thermal vac 3 is done! We’ll hear about status today.

• JWST news:
  o JWST successfully negotiated the Non-Advocate Review (NAR) of budget and schedule in late April. Results on mission status decided in July.

• Remember that the new Ombudsperson, Beth Spotts, is here in Room S216C on June 11, 2008, July 23, 2008, and then every month on the 3rd Wednesday. I encourage you to please use Beth as a confidential resource for any workplace (or personal) issues you might have. Confidentiality is strictly protected in all cases (with limits on physical abuse or endangerment). Talk to Beth if you have any questions.

• We would like to inject some fresh ideas into our INS working group on Diversity, Culture, and Respect. So, we’ll be looking for 3 new members. If you are interested, or if you would like to nominate someone else, please contact Stefano Casertano.

• Sheryl Bruff and Greystone Consulting kicked off the new 360-degree performance rating system for our managers. If you couldn’t attend the presentations, please see the webcast. I also encourage you to participate when you receive your invitations to rate your managers and your peers.

• The next INS lunch is today, hosted by the WIT Team in the Auditorium from 12:00-1:30.
  o More volunteers to coordinate future events would be welcome!