HST News:
- Preparation for the servicing mission continues smoothly; the last HST MSR (Tuesday June 17) was dedicated to a review of the status of STScI work for SM4 and SMOV.
- STScI will conduct a Readiness Review September 9-10.

JWST News:
- Following the successful PDR and NAR earlier this year, JWST has now passed the Science Mission Directorate review at NASA Headquarters.

Division news:
- We plan to add new staff in preparation for the upcoming HST and JWST work.
  - Interviews for several open RIA positions are ongoing. The first new hire, Tyler Desjardins, will arrive Monday June 23.
  - Derck Massa, a Visiting Scientist, will join the COS/STIS Team on August 4. Other members of the research staff will arrive in the next three months (dates TBD).
- HR is implementing a mechanism to provide input on supervisors’ performance as part of the Performance Appraisal process. All INS staff will receive an email inviting them to fill in an evaluation of their supervisors. The evaluation form will be short, but will provide an opportunity to include free-form comments if desired. The input will be collected anonymously and collated by HR for use by the supervisor’s manager. Participation is voluntary but strongly encouraged. Of course, we continue to have an open door policy and strongly encourage anyone with comments, praise, or concerns for managers’ performances to talk to us directly; this new mechanism is meant to provide an additional, confidential channel to convey such information.
- The work of the Diversity, Culture, and Respect Working Group has received numerous accolades from external groups that have reviewed the Institute’s performance and status in these areas. After a very successful year of activity, we are looking for up to three new members to provide a fresh perspective and help with the tasks ahead. Please send nominations (including self-nominations) to Kevin Lindsay or Stefano Casertano.
- In the spirit of the DCRWG’s recommendation to hold more social events, we continue to look for sponsors for luncheons and afternoon gatherings. To accommodate the sponsors’ constraints, this month’s afternoon gathering will take place June 26 at 4:30pm in the CafeCon.
- We want to remind all Division staff of the availability of Beth Spotts, the Institute’s Ombudsperson. She will be at the Institute on July 23, and after that every month on the third Wednesday. She can be found in S216C. We 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 in cases involving physical abuse or endangerment). Talk to Beth if you have any questions.