• Welcome to our newest staff member: Rachel Anderson joins INS as an RIA working on JWST.
• Farewell, too, to some staff whom we will miss: Robert Upton and Bente Eegholm will be leaving the institute at the end of the month. We greatly appreciate your contributions, and wish you well in your new endeavors.
• We have merged the NICMOS team with the WFC3 team to conserve resources and share IR expertise more easily with the WFC3 team.
  - Tommy Wiklind and Tomas Dahlen join WFC3.
  - Anton Koekemoer moves to the WIT Team, working on JWST data calibration and pipelines. We thank Anton for his 3 years of service as NICMOS lead. He has done a superb job revamping the NICMOS calibration pipeline and leading the effort to reprocess all the pre-SM4 data.
• HST news:
  - SMOV for all the new and repaired instruments is done! Science observations are now the bulk of the schedule.
  - NICMOS will be completing SMOV in November. We hope to schedule the remaining NICMOS Cycle 17 science and calibration observations by March of 2010.
  - The STUC will be here November 12 and 13.
  - The SMOV closeout review will be here at STScI on November 19.
• JWST news:
  - The ISIM structure (yes, the real thing!) has been delivered to GSFC and is currently in the SSDIF.
  - The SWG is meeting here yesterday and today.
  - The new JWST Advisory Committee, JSTAC, will meet here for the first time on Nov. 4 & 5.
• The Future of the Workplace Committee will visit again on Nov. 2 & 3. Invitations to the usual focus groups will go out by early next week.
• I’d like to have an INS Division Lunch on Thursday, October 29. Please let me know if you’d like to volunteer to help organize.