

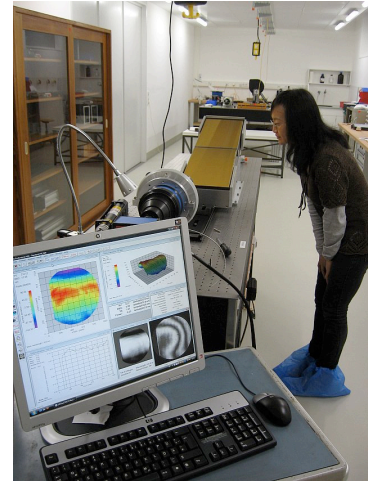
## Do not close Calar Alto!

CSIC and MPG consider closing the 2.2 m



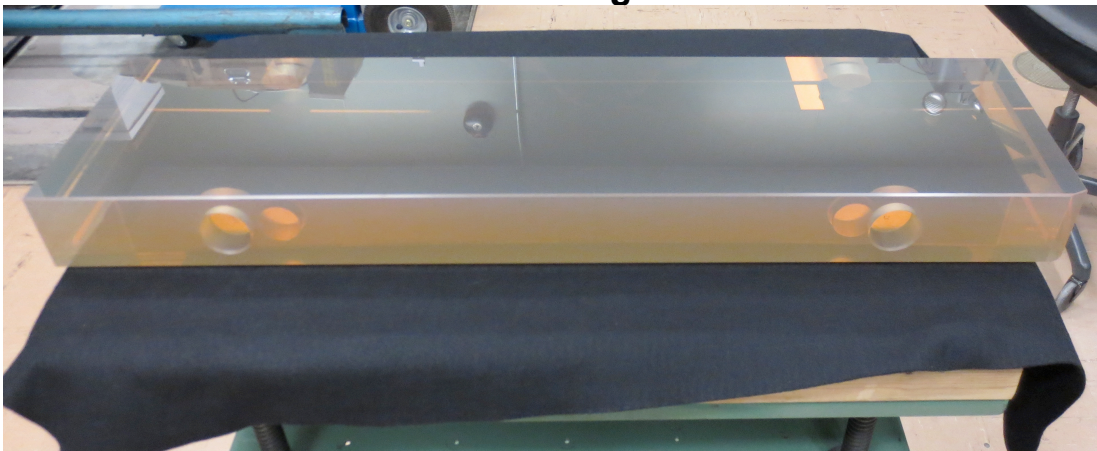
**Almería.** A possible significant cut of the Observatory budget is under discussion, which may imply closing the 2.2 m telescope, reducing the available instruments at the 3.5 m or even lay off trained staff. Many professional societies and social platforms are collecting support for keeping Calar Alto open. See [change.org](http://change.org) in the last page (picture by Kike Herrero).

## The first échelle grating mosaic arrives LSW...



**Heidelberg.** Wenli Xu looks carefully at the set-up of the VIS échelle grating mounted on an optical bench at the LSW lab, with an interferogram in the foreground. In Walter Seifert's words, "*all very smoothly and without any issue: as it should be.*"

## ... and the second one starts being coated



**New York.** The substrate of the NIR échelle grating is finished and the next step is coating it with an ultra-thin layer of gold. When done in a couple of months, it will make its trip from the USA East coast to IAA in Granada.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> CARMENES technical meeting



**Heidelberg.** On 21-23 May 2013, some of us will meet during our 3<sup>rd</sup> technical meeting at the Landessternwarte Königstuhl. We will review the progress of the different workpackages since the Final Design Review, prepare a detailed, comprehensive plan for the Assembly, Integration and Verification phase and clarify all pending interfacing details.

### VIS CCD stuff at LICA/Complutense



**Madrid.** On 22 Abr 2013, Simon tulloch unpacked the boxes with all the necessary hardware for developing and assembling the electronics of the VIS-channel detector (an e2v 8kx4k CCD).

### Sport

**München, Dortmund.** On 23-27 Apr 2013, José A. Caballero is visiting Königstuhl with the *goal* of clarifying scientific and technical issues with the MPIA and LSW *teams*. Although he prefers basketball, he was not bad at football when he did his thesis at the IAC. Another *much more famous* players will visit two German cities during his visit. Do you know who and why?



### “Subanempujenestrujenbajen”

¿Sabes cómo se dice “coger el autobús” en alemán? “*nehmen*” (coger, verbo transitivo) + “*der Bus*” (autobús, nominativo masculino), que al ser complemento directo va en acusativo = “*nehmen den Bus*”

	Masculino	Neutro	Femenino	Plural
<b>Nominativo</b>	<i>der ein</i>	<i>das ein</i>	<i>die eine</i>	<i>die ...</i>
<b>Acusativo</b>	<i>den einen</i>	<i>das ein</i>	<i>die eine</i>	<i>die ...</i>
<b>Dativo</b>	<i>dem einem</i>	<i>dem einem</i>	<i>der einer</i>	<i>den ...</i>
<b>Genitivo</b>	<i>des eines</i>	<i>des eines</i>	<i>der einer</i>	<i>der ...</i>

## Who are we?

This month, two young CARMENES astrophysicist with *very similar* names write about themselves: Mathias Z., now at Göttingen, and Matthias A., now at Tautenburg.

### Mathias Zechmeister (IAG)



*Birth place and date:* Wippra, Germany – 09 Jul 1979

*Bio:*

- Dipl. Ing. Utility and Environmental Technology, Studienakademie Glauchau (2002)
- Dipl. Physics, University of Jena (2007)
- PhD Physics, University of Heidelberg (2011)

*Duties:* data pipeline and science

*Himself:* he grew up east of the Harz mountains in Saxony-Anhalt and during his education he was moving across Germany from Saxony, via Thuringia to Baden-Württemberg. Now he lives in the western part of Harz mountains in Lower Saxony and works at the University of Göttingen. Mathias likes biking to work and through the forest. Also he's very keen on winning volleyball games. Most of his free time he enjoys playing with his almost two-year-old daughter. Because his wife comes from Cracow, he spends with his family all holidays in Poland and tries to learn the Polish language and traditions.

### Matthias Ammler von Eiff (TLS)



*Birth place and date:* Neuburg a.d. Donau, Germany – 10 Jan 1977

*Bio:*

- Diploma Physics, University of Munich (2001)
- PhD Physics, University of Jena (2006)

*Duties:* calibration unit and science

*Himself:* coming originally from Bavaria, he has been living in Thuringia for many years. He is married and lives in Jena, a beautiful town at the Saale river. Matthias is one of the "Tautenburgers" and contributes to the calibration units. He is astrophysicist and studies stars with planets within the *CoRoT* mission. He is also interested in geophysics, maths, and programming. Matthias likes music, dancing, and languages. Don't worry, if you meet him and do not understand a word of what he says. Most probably, he tries to speak in your mother tongue. Matthias takes every opportunity to come to Spain because he loves the people, the language, and local food and drinks. Last time, he was stopped at the security check because of the detection of a huge piece of cheese. On the picture you'll find him happy after getting a new gadget to play with. Unfortunately, he had to return it shortly after. Now, he's waiting for CARMENES getting operational.

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**Madrid.** You can sign the petition below if you are worried about Calar Alto...

**change.org** Inicia una petición Más peticiones Buscar Inicia sesión o regístrate



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Petición dirigida a: Emilio Lora- Tamayo D' Cón

### Presidente del CSIC: No al cierre del observatorio de Calar Alto

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Carmen Molina Caba  
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