

A Fond Farewell and Aloha to Doug Simons

CFHT bid a fond aloha to executive director Doug Simons in late August. After nine years at CFHT, Doug moved into the director role at the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy. As IfA Director, Simons plans to further strengthen the relationship between IfA and the community. Building on his work with Maunakea Scholars, he will place an emphasis on underrepresented students participating in the University of Hawai'i's extensive astronomy program.

"When I applied to graduate school decades ago, IfA was the only institution that accepted me. At the time, I had no idea moving to Hawai'i would change my life and help me discover my life's work, Hawai'i astronomy," says Simons. "Finishing my career where it began, where I received a fabulous education, brings me full circle and I look forward to helping ensure a continued bright future for IfA."



Doug Simons' farewell gathering, 27 August 2021





MSE Science + Engineering Collaboration Meeting: May 2022

Thanks to all who filled the poll regarding preferences for our next MSE Science + Engineering Collaboration meeting. The poll results showed strong preference to hold the MSE meeting in the few days before or after the upcoming CFHT Users and SAC meetings, to be held in Strasbourg, France in May 2022. Stay tuned for more details.

ACAMAR Workshop: 25-27 August 2021



Website for the ACAMAR workshop

Last month, the Australian and Chinese members of MSE held a workshop for those communities, 25-27 August 2021. The workshop was supported by ACAMAR, an Australian/Chinese entity set up to facilitate closer astronomy research engagement between China and Australia. The workshop was well attended by scientists across both nations, and enhancing scientific and engineering collaborations within the group, as well as other plans for the future, were discussed. Thanks to the organizers, Andrew Hopkins or Eric Peng, for making this workshop a reality, and to Laurie Dale for organizing the meeting.





13th Serbian Conference on Spectral Line Shapes in Astrophysics, 23–27 August 2021



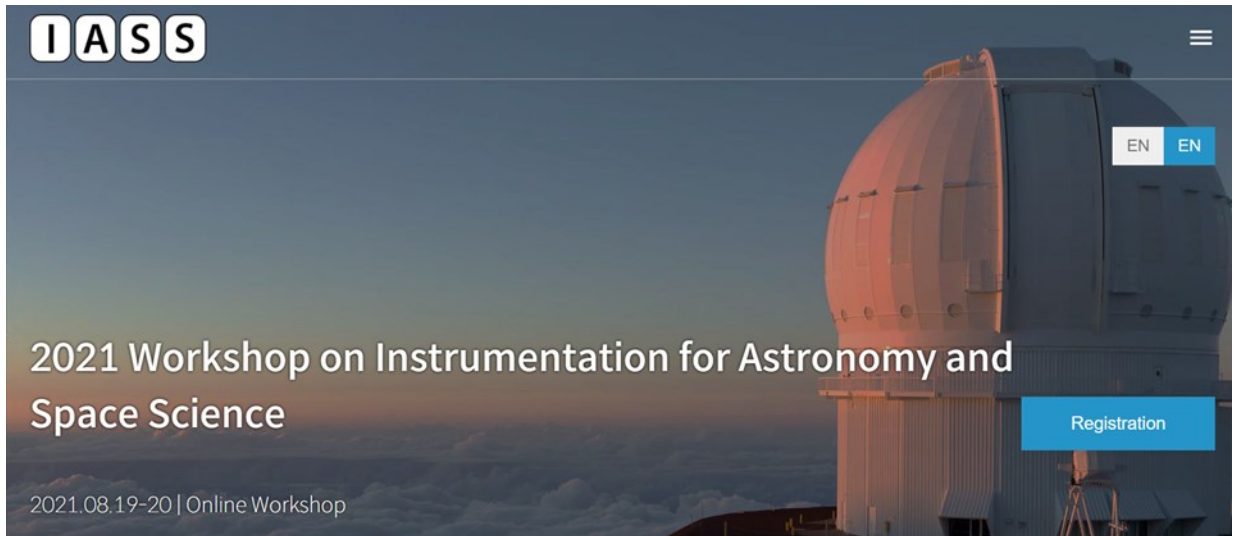
Venue for the 13th Serbian Conference on Spectral Line Shapes in Astrophysics, the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Belgrade

MSE Deputy Project Scientist Andreea Petric participated in the 13th Serbian Conference on Spectral Line Shapes in Astrophysics in Belgrade, Serbia, on August 23 - 27, 2021; <http://www.scslsa.matf.bg.ac.rs>. The conference brought together astronomers and physicists from Serbia and worldwide to better understand the significance of emission/absorption lines for future astrophysical investigations. Andreea's talk, "Obscured AGN at the Cosmic Noon", highlighted the need for facilities like MSE for future extragalactic studies.

2021 Workshop on Instrumentation for Astronomy and Space Science (IASS)

Recently, MSE was invited to the 2021 Workshop on Instrumentation for Astronomy and Space Science (IASS), hosted by the Korean Astronomical Society and Korean Space Science Society. Alexis Hill, Deputy Project Engineer, presented MSE's instrumentation suite, including its development status, a summary of alternative designs for the spectrographs and the current considerations for overall calibration at MSE. The 2021 Workshop on IASS is on <https://iass-workshop.org/IASS2021/>.





Website for the IASS Workshop

September 2021 MSE Science Telecon

With the end of summer, monthly MSE Science Telecons will resume. This month we will introduce incoming Galaxies Science Working Group co-lead Sean McGee (University of Birmingham). The telecon will be on Thursday 23 September at 17:00 UTC. As usual, the zoom recording will be available on the wiki shortly after the meeting.

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