

Draft Proposal:

The Rector acting on behalf of the University of Chile and the Director of the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory (CTIO) Acting on behalf of the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA) hereby reaffirm the 1961 Cooperative Agreement between AURA and the University of Chile, copy of which is attached for reference. In order to clarify the implementation of the paragraph in that agreement that reads:

"Astronomers and students from both North and Latin America shall have access to the Observatory. Among Latin American Astronomers, preference will be given to those from Chile" we, the undersigned hereby also agree to the following:

1. Professional astronomers and astronomy students from the University of Chile will ^{have} ~~be given~~ preference on the assignment of telescopes located at CTIO and controlled by AURA. This preference will consist ^{**} of an advantage of X% in the merit ranking of CTIO telescope usage requests proposed by CTIO staff members or by non U. of Chile astronomers. This special ranking advantage ^{will} ~~will~~ apply up to 10% of the total available telescope time in each telescope controlled by AURA. ^{The} ~~The~~ ranking will be based on an evaluation according to scientific merits and will be carried out by the same panel of expert referees that evaluates all CTIO telescope usage proposals. ^{**} ~~Beyond~~ ^{the} said % U. of Chile

astronomers can compete for additional telescope time in a par with U.S. astronomers.

2. Astronomers from other Chilean or Latin America institutions than the U. of Chile will be considered for telescope assignment at CTIO in par with U.S. astronomers.
3. In order that AURA may properly schedule the use of the CTIO telescopes, all proposals from U. of Chile astronomers will be submitted with the same advanced time interval requested by AURA from other prospective observers. All U. of Chile astronomers who come to observe at CTIO will be granted, except as noted below, the same facilities and privileges and be subject to the same regulations that are applicable to other visiting observers.
4. AURA will in addition, take such measures as may be required so that the U. of Chile astronomers may compete advantageously with other users of CTIO. Specifically, CTIO will:
 - Support U. of Chile professional astronomers in travelling to scientific meetings outside of Chile, provided they will make scientific presentations or *Exceptions as determined by Director* otherwise participate actively in the meetings. The support will consist of coach-class round trip air fare and reasonable subsistence allowances. The total amount of funds to be made available for such trips will be ~~1~~^{1x} \$7,500 (U.S. dollars) per year, and this amount will be revised every three years if actual air-fare costs have changed appreciably.

- Cover travel lodging and subsistence expenses of professional U. of Chile astronomers or astronomy students while observing at Tololo. In addition CTIO will provide at no cost, lodgings at CTIO Headquarters in La Serena while U. of Chile staff astronomers are using CTIO facilities, provided that the usage of facilities has been coordinated at least two weeks in advance with the CTIO director.
- Will assist the library of the U. of Chile in the acquisition of books and journals published in the U.S. provided these are also selected for CTIO's library. This support may total \$7,500 (U.S. dollars) per year in purchase costs. CTIO will assist the U. of Chile in the procurement of these books and journals.

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- During periods of economic crisis that may affect adversely the scientific productivity of U. of Chile astronomers, CTIO will explore with the U. of Chile ~~other~~ ways and means to enable U. of Chile astronomers to enhance their research efforts.

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5. This Implementation agreement supersedes the Implementation agreement between the U. of Chile and AURA that was signed by Rector Ruy Barbosa and V.M. Blanco in August, 1968 copy of which is attached for reference.

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