



Memorandum of Understanding between the Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics of the Australian National University and the Department of Astronomy of the Universidad de Chile

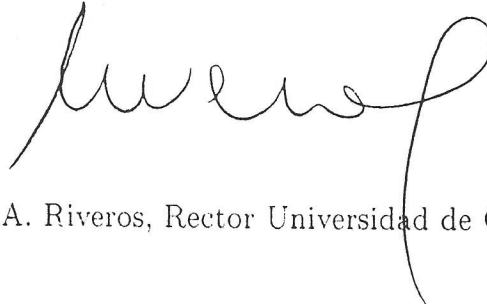
1. The principal purpose of this MOU is to facilitate collaboration between the astronomers of the Australian National University (ANU) and the astronomers of the Universidad de Chile. Working together, these two institutions can have a major impact in observational astronomy in the Southern Hemisphere.
2. The ANU has this year established a Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics (RSAA), recognizing that Mount Stromlo Observatory has a 75 year record of research in astronomy in the southern hemisphere. The Universidad de Chile notes that from this year the astronomers of its Department of Astronomy will enjoy access to the best optical and infrared astronomical research facilities in the world.
3. The main method for encouraging collaboration will be secondment of academic and technical staff.
4. Astronomers of the Universidad de Chile who are seconded to RSAA will be appointed as Visiting Fellow (without grant). Temporary appointments for graduate students will be available (Observatory Visitor).
5. Travel costs and salaries of those seconded will be met by the 'sending side'.
6. Joint research projects are to be particularly encouraged, but, notwithstanding that, astronomers on secondment will be able to be Principal Investigators on proposals for telescope time assigned nationally in the host country after a 9 month residence period. The ANU waives the residence period requirement. The Universidad de Chile may waive the residence requirement in particular cases by agreement of the Director of the RSAA and the Head of the Astronomy Department.
7. The universities undertake to provide office space with appropriate computer support to seconded staff.
8. Academic advertisements by RSAA may bear the words, "secondments are available to the Universidad de Chile for periods of one to two years."
9. Nothing in this MOU requires exchange of funds between the two institutions.
10. This agreement is made for five years from the date of the second signature, and may be renewed if both the parties wish.

signed



R. Deane Terrell, Vice-Chancellor, ANU

date



Luis A. Riveros, Rector Universidad de Chile

date

15 September 1999.