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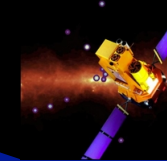
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- INTEGRAL science operations still running smoothly, no major problems (apart from few solar flares in Jan, March & May)
- Public Earth/Cosmic X-ray Background (CXB) observations in revolution 1169 (started May, 9th). Further Earth observations: 1197 and 1206 in August, 1216 in September and 1234 in November + AO10 & AO11.
- Next SPI annealing (late-time decision): Starts at end of Revolution 1176 (June 2). Up to 1182.
- New lay-out of GB webpages + JEM-X source finding scripts updated (!). JEM-X/IBIS movie to be updated before INTEGRAL Paris conference.
- INTEGRAL mission extension meeting after summer 2012: extension of INTEGRAL operations until 31 December 2014 + an indicative extension until 31 December 2016 → work started for CW, PK & IUG
- No change in current ISOC staff; but:
 - New Research Fellow starts 1 October 2012: Sara Motta



Upcoming TAC AO-10



ISOC is currently preparing for INTEGRAL TAC meeting June 4-6.

Some facts:

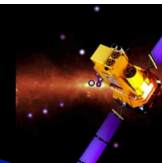
The total number of proposals received: 59.

The total observing time requested ~65 Msec (for all types of observation, i.e. fixed time, normal time, and ToO). 10% of the requested total ToO time has been taken into account.

Given that up to about 20 Msec of observing time (for new observing proposals) will be available for the AO-10 → oversubscription factor of ~3.3.

- 3 September 2012: Release of AO-10: call for data rights proposals.
- 28 September 2012 (14:00 CET): Deadline for submission of data rights proposals.
- November 2012: Meeting of the Time Allocation Committee:
- 1 January 2013: Start of AO-10 cycle of observations





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