

News from ESAC and ...

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- PK at last meeting: SCI ← SRE
(Science and Robotics Exploration)
 - 16 April 2008: David Southwood (now D/SCI) appointed as D/SRE until 30 April 2011
 - SRE in effect 15 June 2008
- EPSAC? No: ESAC!
- INTEGRAL operations still running smoothly, now major problems
- No change in current staff.
New YGT starts in October 2008 to work on integrating long-term planning tool.

AO-6

- AO-6 deadline was 18 April 2008:
 - Total nr of proposals: 179;
61 open time proposals, 118 subscriptions
 - Total requested open time ~56.6 Msec
(fixed time, normal time, and TOO [10%]).
 - ~10.2 Msec of open time available (12 months from 16 August 2008, excluding 6 Key Programmes (total 12 Ms) and Core Programme (1.8 Ms)) ← oversubscription ~5.6
- TAC meeting 19-22 May 2008 ← recommended program; after approval by D/SCI: results will be announced soon
- Next steps: updating observation database, amalgamation, long-term planning, etc.
- IUG meeting: 11-12 June 2008

Long-term planning

- Current LTP program (in use from AO-2, i.e., end of 2003): fill LTP with fixed targets; then fill LTP per target (based on manually set priority) according to visibility, one after the other
- ⇒ Manual trial and error approach ← labour intensive..., but works
- Monitoring of observation completion status, future schedule, Russian time, etc.
- New LTP tool in progress, based on AI (collaboration with ISOC, ESOC and 3rd parties)

