ESA News

- Alvaro Gímenez leaving post as Head of RSSD this year. Originally foreseen to leave in 2006 but staid on for review of Science Directorate.
- New RSSD Head to be chosen after first Cosmic Vision selection.
- Martin Kessler will be acting Head.
- Science Operations of missions past PV phase to be led by Vincente Gomez (Head ESAC).

Staff changes ISOC

Software Team

- Both current S/W engineers leaving: Marnix Bindels (April), Paul Balm (August).
- Paul Balm probably continuing at ESAC (Gaia).
- New Senior Developer: Silvia de Castro, started 01 March.
- > Junior Developer: Pieter Jan Baeck (YGT up to July).

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- Rees Williams wants to "fade out" from summer on (no exact timetable).
- Looking for replacement (same contract), not clear yet if an advertisement will be put up.
- No further staff changes foreseen.



- Mission Extended Operations Review to make recommendations on support & operations beyond design life of 5 years.
- Board of ESA Managers (SCI & OPS).
- Review team of specialists not directly linked to Integral.
- Presentations due: 23 April
- Presentations & Review Team: 07/08 May
- Review Board Meeting: 21 May, recommendations: 28 May
- PK review secretary.