Safe(r) Working Environments at Observatories

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Welcome
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University of North Carolina
Pennsylvania State University
Michigan State University
Ohio State University
Harvard University
Indiana University
Princeton University
Yale University
University of Hawaii
Johns Hopkins University
University of Washington
Iowa State University
Boston University
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• Consortium E says, “well, C helped us write our anti-harassment policy, he couldn’t have possibly have done anything wrong.”
A first introduction upon arrival (office, p2,...) will be either with a support astronomer or by an operation specialist. In the latter case, s/he will put you in touch with your night-time astronomer or the shift coordinator, should you have specific astronomical questions regarding OB design etc. The night-time support astronomer will normally not stay until the end of the night, unless your observations are highly challenging. In the last part of the night you will work with the telescope operators.

Please, be reminded of some important information. Further information can be found at www.eso.org/paranal/sciops/VA_GeneralInfo.html.

- **Code of Conduct at ESO sites:** ESO is committed to creating a work environment that is safe, professional and of mutual trust where diversity and inclusion are valued, and where everyone is entitled to be treated with courtesy and respect. Please help us in maintaining such a professional working environment at all times. ESO will not tolerate harassment of any form. Sexist, racist, or exclusionary comments or jokes are not appropriate. Harassment includes inappropriate physical contact, sexual attention or innuendo, deliberate intimidation, stalking, and photography or recording of an individual without consent. It also includes offensive comments related to individual characteristics, for example: age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, race, nationality or religion.

Thanks for your help in this important matter, and we hope you enjoy your stay on Paranal!

Please, prepare your OBs with the web-based tool p2 https://www.eso.org/sci/observing/phase2/p2intro.html. Pre-existing OBs in obx format that you may want to re-use or that were prepared with tools such as ASPRO, can be imported
• ESO Code of Conduct for workshops, conferences
  https://www.eso.org/sci/meetings/CodeofConductWorkshops.html

• Dark Energy Survey statement on collaboration culture, ethics, inclusivity, diversity

• NRAO Diversity & Inclusion Statement
  https://info.nrao.edu/do/odi/odi/

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