CALL FOR SCIENCE VERIFICATION WITH HAWK-I

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HAWK-I is the new wide-field (7.5'x7.5'), near-infrared (1-2.5 microns) imager on the VLT. As for all VLT instruments, the instrument will undergo a commissioning period followed by (and partly interleaved with) a science verification period.

Science Verification with HAWK-I is foreseen between October 2007 and February 2008.

We call for proposals for the HAWK-I Science Verification.

The deadline for proposals is September 1st, 2007.

Proposals should be prepared using the LateX template for HAWK-I science verification available on the <u>SV pages</u>, and be mailed <u>to Jorge Melnick</u>, <u>cc: Markus Kissler-Patig</u> (<u>imelnick@eso.org</u>, <u>mkissler@eso.org</u>) by the 1st of September 2007.

Proposals should be in line with the <u>Science Verification Policies and Procedures</u> - please read these carefully prior to submitting a proposal.

At least 10 nights will be available for science verification.

For further Information about the instrument, please refer to the <u>HAWK-I web pages</u>, which also include a link to a preliminary <u>User Manual</u>.

The HAWK-I Exposure Time Calculator will be released by August 5th and can be found on the <u>ESO ETC web pages</u>.

Proposals will be allocated time on the basis of scientific merit and feasibility, in line with the policies and procedures.