

To : Steve Warren, Simon Dye, Alastair Edge, Mike Irwin, Omar Almaini, Paul Hewett, Phil Lucas, Richard Jameson, Simon Dye, Nigel Hambly

From : Andy Lawrence

Re : notes from telecon 2005-10-26

#### CONSORTIUM MEETING

- timing 0930-1600
- expect ~40; AL to shift room and order lunch
- agenda items (i) progress reports - Steve, Simon, Mike, Nigel (ii) reports from Survey heads focusing on science exploitation (iii) debate on Y3+ plan
- key aim is report to Board May; they MAY require full review November
- Steve to draft Agenda ; we should remind people v.soon
- ask people to tell Steve / Andy if they expect to attend

#### PAPER 3 : LAWRENCE et al

- survey heads and Simon to provide contribution in a week
- AL to rproduce revised version by Nov 11
- finish paper by end November and submit
- get on astro-ph asap

#### DR1 PAPER : DYE et al

- agreed this was a good idea
- Dye and Warren sketch looked good; but should concentrate on sections 3 and 4, survey defns and quality control
- timescale for completion same as DR1 release

#### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

- no urgent changes to MSBs identified
- guide star problem : probably done all we can; too many fields for manual changes to MSBs; is an issue for SDT; expect to redo some fields in due course
- observing efficiency about 60% on UDS; think we have identified all the MSB changes we can; some of this UKIRT ops issues (loading MSBs, focusing etc) ; but probably most is dictated by doing standards every hour
- need a report from calibration WG; using 2MASS can prob get 2% target and so cut down on standards; Paul to chase Mike to chase Simon
- should alert Board to this issue for Nov 15th
- CASU to provide statistics on efficiency
- still debate on when to microstep to get required astrom accuracy; need 05B data to answer this (better seeing)

#### RELEASE SCHEDULE

- SV2 should be released to SV community end of next week (Nov 4th)
- 05A data (to August 05) will be reprocessed with xtalk correction; but we want to minimise how often its done again !
- SV process should COMPLETE in 4 weeks (Nov 23rd) to allow time for final reprocessing of 05A for release
- first release (codename "DR1" but we should think of a real name !") aimed for mid-Jan ; cf end of WFCAM block end of Jan (next block starts May)
- in principle data is added to the archive quasi-continuously after this; in practice next bulk release will probably same as next announcement, with 05B data (Sep05-Jan06) released May-June-ish

#### SURVEY ACCESS and ONGOING QUALITY CONTROL

- Mike emphasised that anybody has access to RAW data any time, as it is in ESO

- the sensitive issue is after processing but before release
- AL very keen on not giving impression of insider privileged access
- Omar however suggested ongoing quality control testing is appropriate using processed data; maybe survey groups should do this as well as Simon; but could be done with spot samples as opposed to whole data
- Omar and Simon to discuss this and then discuss with Mike