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Solicitation of Joint Research Projects for China-CONICYT Postdoctoral Program 2016

Dear Colleagues,

The China-CONICYT Postdoctoral Fellowship program has been implemented since 2014 and had successfully admitted a total of eight Fellows. This Fellowship was established under the guidelines of a 2013 MoU between the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the National Commission of Scientific and Technological Research of Chile (CONICYT), and supports early-career scientists to work at Chilean or Chinese astronomical institutions for up to three years. For logistic reasons the 2016 Fellowship Application is delayed for about six months compared to previous years, but will proceed as usual otherwise. Now we would like to invite **joint research projects for China-CONICYT Postdoc Fellows** from both Chinese and Chilean astronomy communities. The Fellowship positions will be announced by CONICYT on or around 1 October, 2016.

Research projects for Postdoc Fellows may be submitted by scientists of either Chinese or Chilean institutions. They can be in any area of astronomical research appropriate for a postdoc fellow to pursuit, including observation, instrumental development, and theory, but need to have some elements that involve China-Chile collaborations in astronomy. No fund will be awarded to the proposers, and the proposals *can not* name any potential candidate or put special limitation on prospective applicants. Successfully submitted proposals will be compiled into a Guide for prospective Fellowship applicants in their application process. Please note that China-CONICYT Postdoc Fellowship is open to all candidates from around the world, and prospective applicants, while encouraged to consider research projects in the Guide, are not limited to working on the proposed research.

The proposal submission is encouraged to be before 31 October 2016, and is acceptable until the deadline of postdoc application (late December). All proposals must be submitted to CASSACA (echen@das.uchile.cl) in electronic form (i.e. pdf or Word files) and successful submission will be properly acknowledged. CASSACA will communicate with the proposer on the submitted proposals if necessary, and the admitted proposals will be made public at the CASSACA web site (www.cassaca.org). We strongly encourage your participation and thank you for your support.

All proposals should include the following elements (items 1 and 2 will be part of the Guide for Postdocs):

- 1) Research subject title and an abstract (<1000 words,)
- 2) Project proposer, his/her collaborator and host institutions in Chile and/or China
- 3) A brief Scientific Justification, Chile-China connection, and any other relevant information
- 4) Implementation details including expected project duration (two years or three years, with a maximum of 2 years in Chile and the rest time in China)
- 5) CV(s) of the project's leader(s) and list of their publications relevant to the proposal