AstroMundus is a newly established international Master Course in Astronomy and Astrophysics that has been selected by the European Commission as an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course within the second edition of the Erasmus Mundus programme. The Master course is jointly offered by

--the Institute of Astro- and Particle Physics, University of Innsbruck,
--the Department of Astronomy, University of Padova,
--the Astrophysics section of the Department of Physics, University of Rome "Tor Vergata",
--the Institute for Astrophysics, Department of Astronomy, University of Göttingen
--the Department of Astronomy, Faculty of Mathematics, University of Belgrade

Applications are now solicited for the Master course starting in September 2010.

*Deadlines:*
*December 31st 2009* for Third Country students
(i.e. from countries that are not members of the European Union and associated countries)
*April 30th 2010* for European students

The programme has a duration of 2 years (120 ECTS credits), is developed within a consortium of 5 Universities in 4 different countries (Austria, Italy, Germany, and Serbia), and is conducted in the English Language. The wide variety of expertise covered by our international partnership insures an excellent educational level in all branches of Astrophysics.

We invite applications from top-ranked students that either hold or are expected to obtain before August 2010 a Bachelor's Degree (or an equivalent certified period of studies of at least 3 years, corresponding to 180 credits in the European Credit Transfer System) in Physics, Astronomy, Astrophysics, Mathematics or closely related fields. A certified good knowledge of the English language is required.
The selected students will carry out their studies in at least 2 and up to 4 of the AstroMundus Consortium Universities and will be finally awarded a Joint Master Degree, complemented with a Diploma Supplement, by all consortium Universities they visited during their studies.

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Full information about the AstroMundus programme, the application form, and detailed instructions on how to apply can be found on the web-site: http://www.astromundus.eu

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Thank you for your kind support in distributing this announcement,

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