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Cima Ekar Data Policy

The Principal Investigators (PIs) of successful proposals for time at the Cima Ekar Copernico and Schmidt telescopes of the Padova-Asiago Observatory have exclusive access to their scientific data for the duration of a proprietary period.

At the end of the proprietary period the data will be placed in the public partition of the IA2 archive, together with the abstract of the related proposal for observing time.

This proprietary period is subject to the following provisions:

1. The duration of the proprietary period is normally 12 months after the date of the last observation of the project.
This is valid for types of observations (long, short, DDT and ToO proposals).
The PI can decide to shorten or renounce to the proprietary time.
2. An extension of this proprietary period may be granted in special cases only by the Director of the Observatory of Padova. Then the corresponding requests will have to be forwarded to the IA
3. Meta-data that describe the individual exposures, including location and extent of the aperture, instrument configuration, time and duration of the exposure, etc., will be stored in a database that will be searchable by the community immediately upon ingestion of the frame in the IA2 Archive.
4. All calibration data, such as darks, flat-fields, and arc-lamps, will not be considered proprietary, and will be made available to the public immediately upon ingestion in the IA Archive.
5. All data will be available to IA2 science and technical staff exclusively for the purposes of:
 - monitoring the health and safety of the instruments
 - trending the calibration and performance of the instruments
 - developing and maintaining calibration software for the instruments.
6. For any other use of proprietary data, such as educational applications, IA2 will consult the PI.
7. The present policy applies also to the data obtained before Jan. 1, 2012.

All data in the IA2 archive remains the property of INAF.

INAF reserves the right to restrict or enhance access to the data at any time. The public observations contained in the IA2 archive are available to the national and international communities via registered access or through the Virtual Observatory.

IA2, through the VObs.it project, is partner of the International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA). The aim of the IVOA is to provide the European and global astronomical community with an archival and data handling resource that can meet the needs of 21st century astronomy.

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