

Remembering the 2010 Liège Astrophysical Colloquium...

by the LOC

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The first day, it means...queuing for registration.



Being or not being accepted for registration...



Struggling for poster gluing... Kneeling in front of your poster, praying it to accept gluing...



The chairmen of the SOC and LOC spend their time discussing...
Whilst others are sweating blood and water to bring the panels for the posters and to get the computer working...



While the participants
mindfully listen to the
series of introductory
talks,...



... the chair of the LOC seems to have lost his orientation.
“The restaurant for the lunches is over there... or where
was it again?”





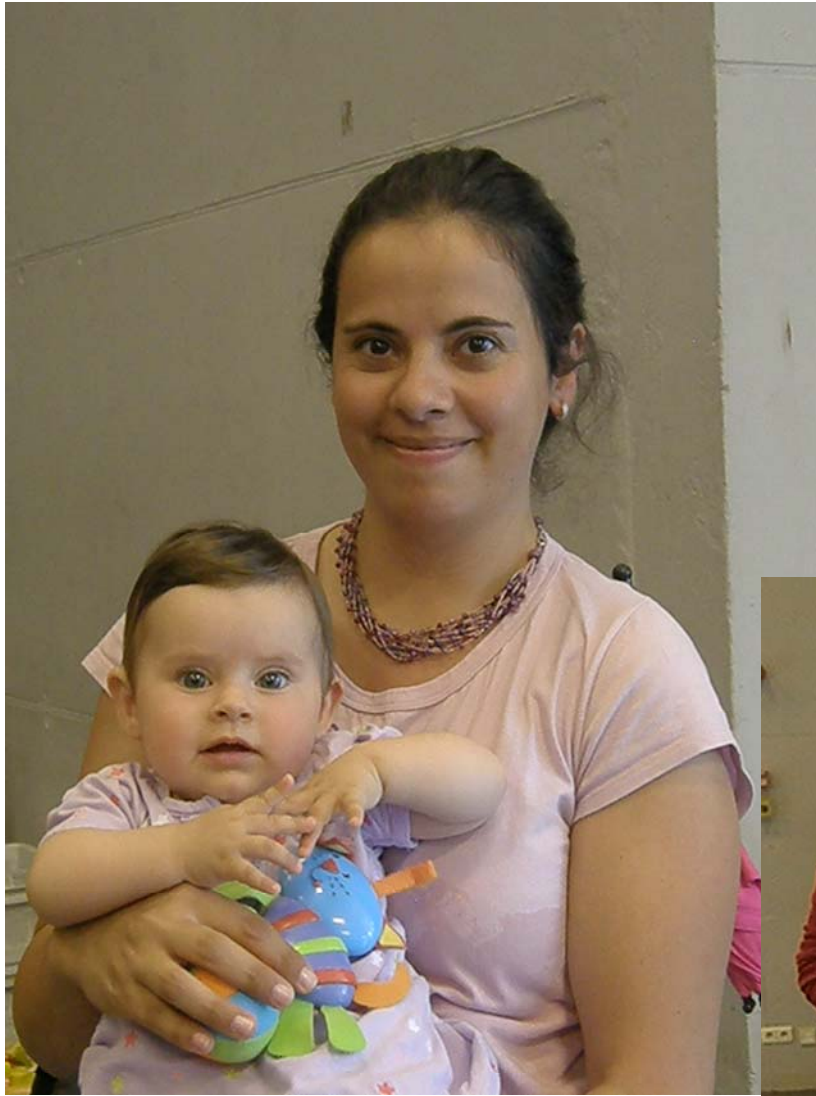
Meanwhile, the participants enjoy their coffee break,...





...meet old
friends,...





...make new friends
(including by far the
youngest participant of the
meeting),...





...discuss their posters
(which finally accepted
gluing),...





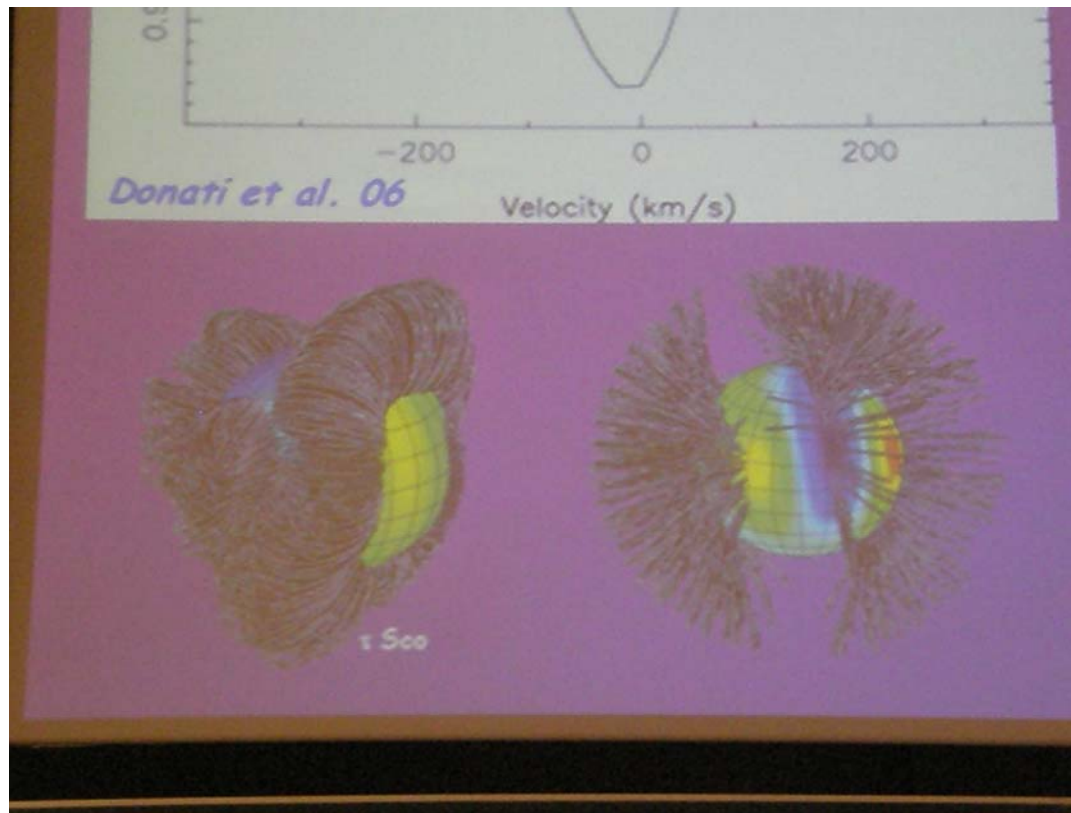
... check their e-mail, or
try to figure out their
way to the restaurant
themselves.





There is (of course) also some science: Stan explaining vorosity (part I), though not everybody in the audience seems convinced and some nasty guys in the front row even wave a red card.





Jon telling us that “this guy up there should really get his hair cut!”





While Igor explains the light curves of Wolf-Rayet stars, the LOC (and SOC) people look back at the participants, hoping they'll enjoy the conference.





Meanwhile, the female members of the LOC check whether there is sufficient money left to pay for the lunches...





Well, finally, here we go for lunch: (almost) everybody made it to the restaurant. By the way, who is this guy with his cap?





After lunch, we are back to science and we learn more about X-rays, X-rays, X-rays and guess what... radio data!





Some people really tell us strange stories! What? A kind of Disneyland with a “so big you won’t believe it” ©(Pierre Royer) telescope? The chairman does not look convinced! Neither does the guy with his cap!





Wednesday: “Gosh is it hot today. Fortunately, this afternoon we have our excursion with beer tasting!” But before that, we still have some colourful presentations.





So, here we go, astronomers
on a sunny Wednesday
afternoon visiting Val-Dieu
Abbey...





...visiting its brewery,...





...and most of all, tasting the local product (part I)!





...and most of all, tasting the local product (part II)!





Stan trying to explain vorosity (part II): Nicole and Allard-Jan do not look too convinced...





Stan trying to explain vorosity (part III): "Oh, I'll give up! These people are not paying attention!"

Stan: "You guys should listen to me, it's such a BIG effect!"

Jennifer: "Can somebody bring him another beer?"





After tasting some beer, it's time to get back. But wait a minute, the blue sky has gone and we're having a heavy thunderstorm with lots of water and...



...a tree on the road. So now it's time, gentlemen, to demonstrate that tough guys can do more than "just" have a beer!



Thursday evening, time to relax at the conference dinner..







One major event remains: Yaël's speech to deliver the conference awards... and Stan enjoying his award and this time not trying to explain vorosity!



and the winners are...

- Stan Owocki, for his long-lasting contributions to wind theories,
- Alan Willis, for the most compact poster,
- André–Nicolas Chené for the shortest presentation,
- the couple Mike Corcoran & Jose Groh, for their use of “star” couples to explain eta Car,
- Wolf-Rainer Hamann, for his fear of red cards after the World Cup,
- Hans Zinnecker (the guy with his cap), for the most original excuse for not attending the opening session (it was indeed the day after the World Cup final...),
- Rob Izzard, for the most original response to the “special diet?” question (no Brussels sprouts),
- Jo Puls, for the fastest response to register for the Val-Dieu abbey visit – or was it for the beer tasting?

Awards were bottles of “Stella” beer, of “Celeste” wine, some Chimay beers, as well as some Liège syrup...

Thanks to all the attendees who made this conference a success!