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## Announcement of HELAS III

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### Abstract

We announce the First CoRoT International Symposium, which is a joint organisation between CNES, HELAS and Observatoire de Paris.

The CoRoT space mission (<http://corot.oamp.fr/>) was launched successfully on 27 December 2006. It has been developed and is operated by the French space agency CNES, with contributions from Austria, Belgium, Brasil, ESA, Germany and Spain. While the first CoRoT data have only been released to the consortium members with proprietary data rights so far, it is already clear from the first results that CoRoT will bring a revolution to the fields of exoplanet research and asteroseismology the coming years.

One of the network activities of the HELAS Coordination Action is to organise four large international symposia in Europe. In view of the importance of the CoRoT space mission, the HELAS Board has chosen to collaborate with the CoRoT consortium for one of those four meetings, and to dedicate its third symposium to the first public release of CoRoT results and data. We are thus happy to announce the *First CoRoT International Symposium* as a joint organisation between CNES, HELAS and Observatoire de Paris. It will take place from 2 to 5 February 2009 in Paris at the Maison Internationale. Regular updates of information will be available from: <http://www.symposiumcorot2009.fr/>

The HELAS contribution to the organisation will be the funding of the proceedings, which will be a special volume of the journal *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, as well as the provision of grants to PhD students and young post-docs. Information on these items will be made available at the above conference website.