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(The LPIYA group: common efforts in La Palma during the IYA2009 and Beyond)

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Boosted by the 2009 International Year of Astronomy the scientific institutions present at the Roque de los Muchachos Observatory on the island of La Palma (Canary Islands, Spain) put a special effort joining together for a series of public outreach events, which will be the seed of a decade lasting collaboration.

Despite funds at their lowest level ever, the coming of the GranTeCan, Magic II and the will (or need!) of rationalization of all Observatories is leading to a new spring for the island (either EELT yes or EELT no).

The LPTYA Group gathers every institution at the Roque de los Muchachos Observatory, with the objective of organising and coordinating public outreach activities related to the celebration of the International Year of Astronomy 2009 and Beyond, mainly on La Palma.

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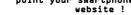
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This year 2010 the process of reviewing the International Agreement on the use of Canary Island for astronomical purposes, between Spain and the other Countries, will begin. This is a unique opportunity to envisage the future of the Canary Astronomical Site and Collaboration, and to turn it in a common environment for a proper usage of Northern facilities, following the scientific guidelines of European committees, which draw a possible roadmap.

We are pioneering this coexistence using the public outreach, directed to the people of La Palma Island (being native or accidental tourists) because we think that it is not possible to continue living here without sharing our experience with the other 80000 persons, with whom we share the land and sky. And also feel that a unique face is essential to let us know who we are, joined in a common scientific, and cultural,

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