



# Meudon, Rio and Granada groups: international collaboration for observation of stellar occultations

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Roberto Vieira Martins



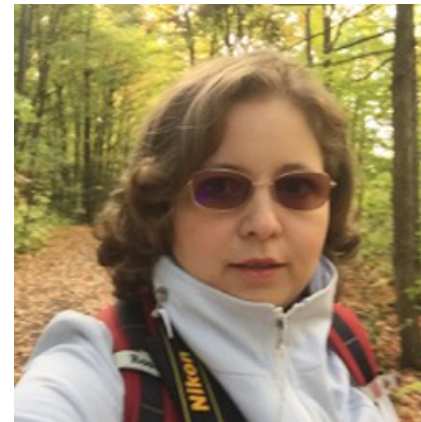
José Luiz Ortiz

## Who we are?



Bruno Sicardy

- Everything!



Damya Souami

- Image analysis, photometry.



Josselin Desmars

- NIMA: ephemeris, prediction, campaigns.



Gustavo (Guga)  
Benedetti Rossi

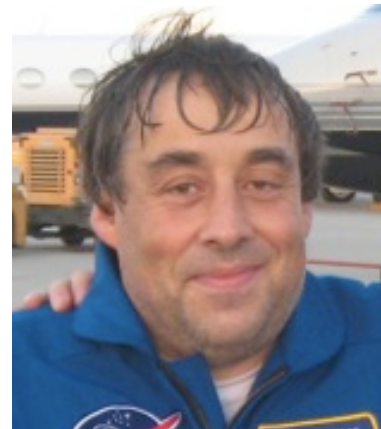
- Photometry, occultation reduction, astrometry.

## Who we are?



Jean Lecacheux

- Observer, photometry



François Colas

- Observer, photometry.



Joana Oliveira

- Theses on Triton Occultation



Frederic Vachier

- Orbit of satellites of minor planets.

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**Roberto Vieira  
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- Group leader.



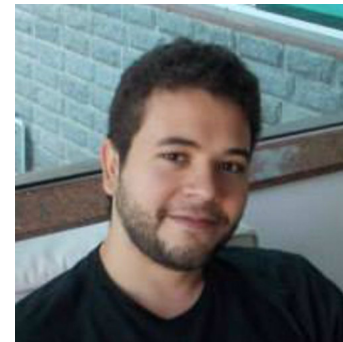
**Julio Camargo**

- Astrometry,  
photometry.



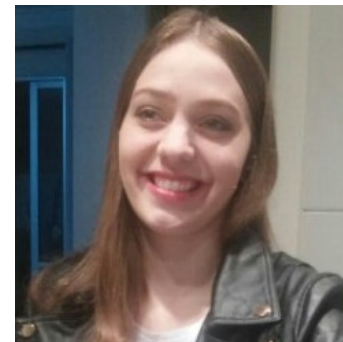
**Rodrigo Boufleur**

- Rotation light curve.



**Bruno Morgado**

- Thesis on Galilean  
satellites



**Flavia L. Rommel**

- Thesis on stellar  
occultation by TNOs

## Who we are?



Marcelo Assafin

- PRAIA, astrometry, photometry.



Altair Ramos  
Gomes Junior

- Astrometry and prediction of events by Irregular satellites



Felipe Braga Ribas

- Photometry, occultation reduction, campaigns, results.

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José Luis Ortiz

- Group leader.



Rene Duffard

- photometry, rotation light curve.



Pablo Santos Sanz

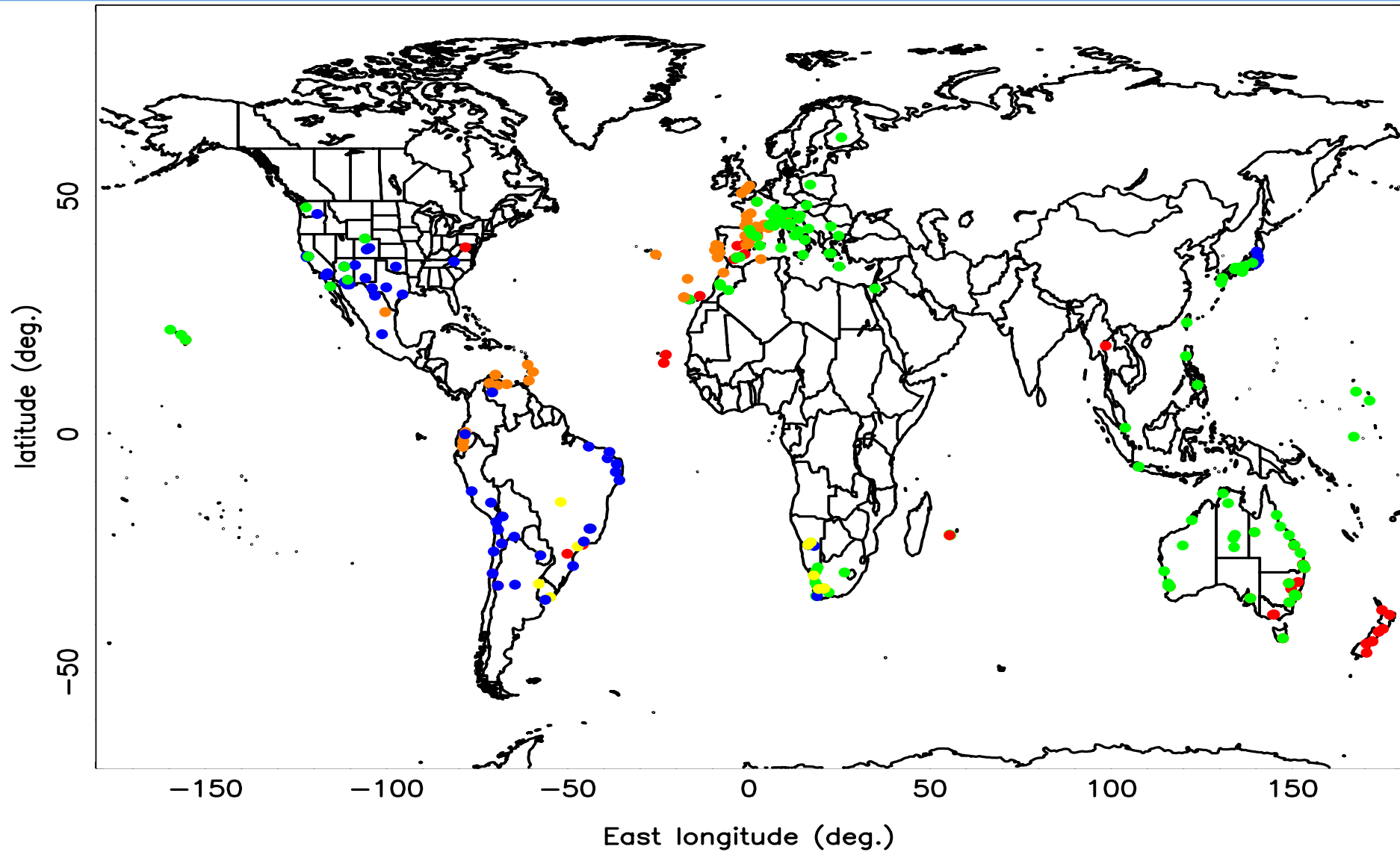
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Nicolas Morales

- Observation, photometry.

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feeds:**

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(Rio-TNOs)**

**Josselin  
(Lucky-Star)**

**Altair  
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**Campaigns:**

**Felipe,  
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(or any of the above)

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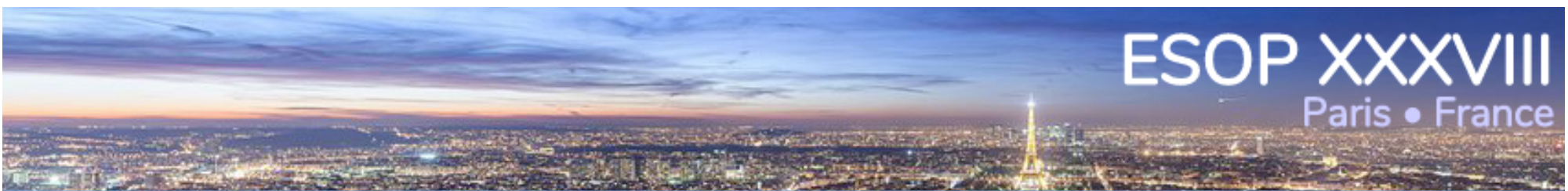
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## What information do we need?

### Before the event:

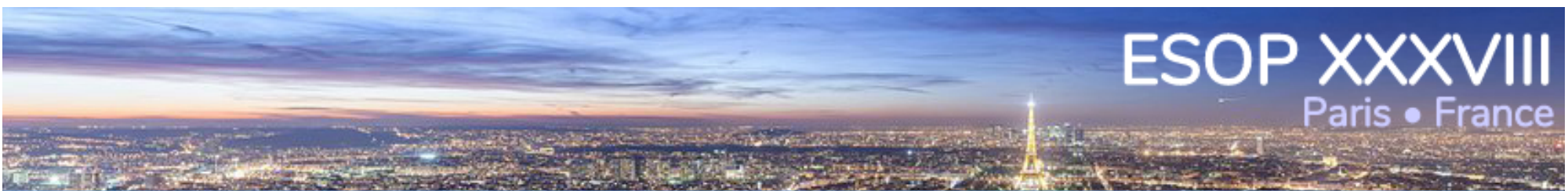
- Where are you going to observe with which telescope camera?

### Right after the event:

- Was data acquired, was it overcast, who should be contacted?

### After the event:

- Your images, video, as original as possible/practical (+ or -).
- How the time was referenced. There is a delay, is it the beginning, end, middle exposure?
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## Publications:

1. Santos-Sanz, **2002 GZ<sub>32</sub>**, *Submitted* ([2019](#));
2. Benedetti-Rossi, **AJ**, **2003 VS<sub>2</sub>**, *AJ*, ([2019](#))
3. Desmars, **Pluto ephemeris**, *A&A*, ([2019](#))
4. Meza, **Pluto atmosphere (18 years of obs.)**, *A&A*, ([2019](#))
5. Bérard, **Chariklo rings**, *AJ*, ([2017](#))
6. Dias-Oliveira, **2003 AZ<sub>84</sub>**, *AJ*, ([2017](#))
7. Leiva, **Chariklo shape**, *AJ*, ([2017](#))
8. Ortiz, **Haumea ring**, *Nature*, ([2017](#))
9. Benedetti-Rossi, **2007 UK<sub>126</sub>**, *AJ*, ([2016](#))
10. Sicardy, **Pluto's atmosphere on June 29 2015**, *ApJL*, ([2016](#))
11. Braga-Ribas *et al*, **Chariklo rings discovery**, *Nature*, ([2014](#))
12. Braga-Ribas, **Quaoar**, *ApJ*, (2013)
13. Ortiz, **Makemake**, *Nature*, (2012)
14. Sicardy, **Eris**, *Nature*, ([2011](#))

## Future plans

New ERC submitted proposal:



## Future plans (Rio group)

### LineA Solar System portal:

- Compute new ephemeris using LSST and + positions;
- Generate predictions maps;
- Manage observation campaigns;
- Store the data and observer information;
- Give the light curve, time and chord;
- Give elliptical fit and astrometric position.

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### Reported events (updated 23/August/2019)

All Events **166** / TNOs **60** / Centaurs **29** / Dwarf Planets **37** / Trojans **25** / Satellites **30** / Features **34**

### Different Objects

Total of Different Objects **63** / TNOs **30** / Centaurs **6** / Dwarf Planets **5** / Trojans **16** / Satellites **13**

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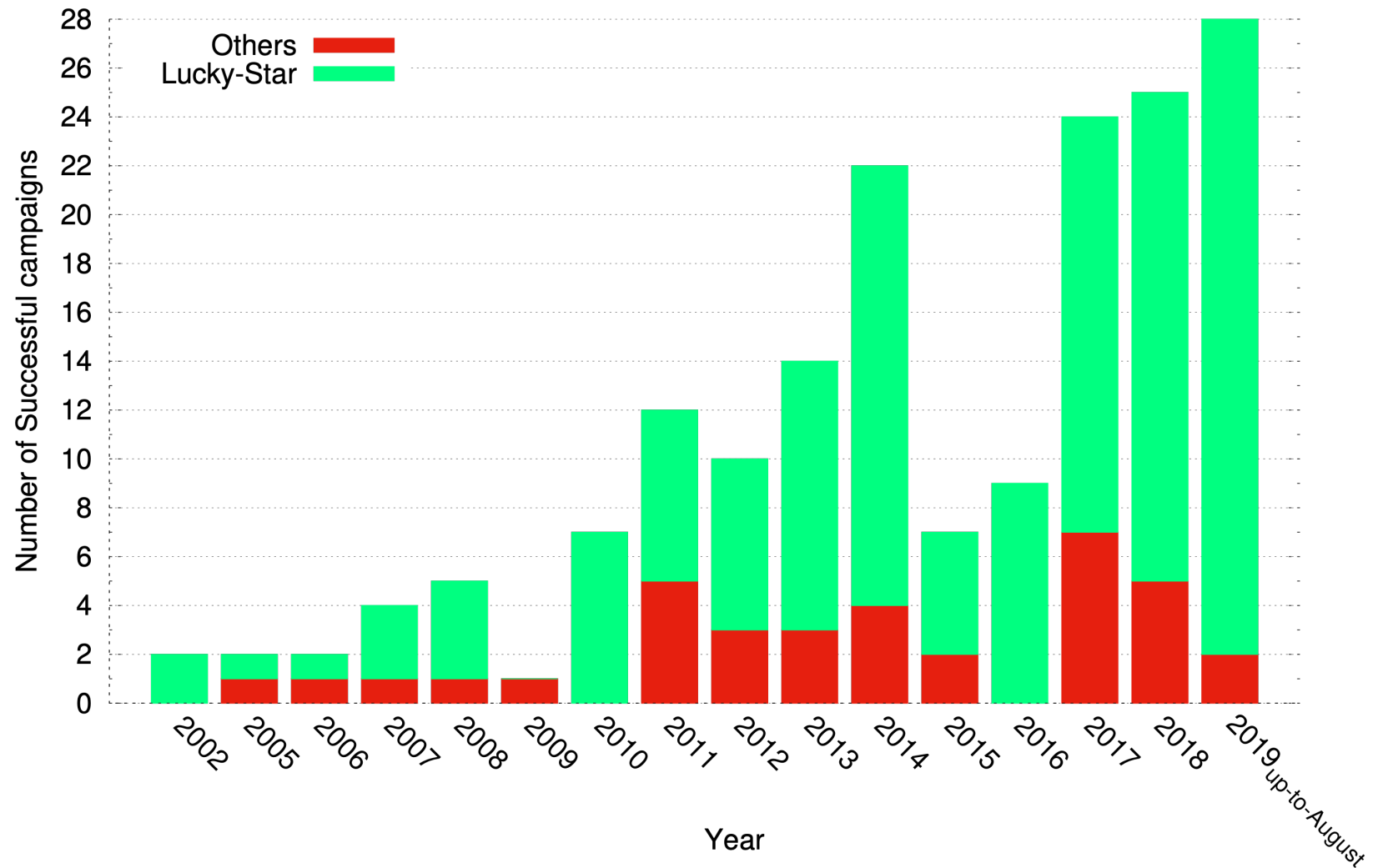
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2	2002 MS4	2019-08-19	1	-	-	-	Und

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Pluto, Triton, TNOs and Centaurs Stellar Occultations



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