

# Message of Dr. Annie Baglin

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Dear colleagues,

This is a great pleasure for me to send you this message and I apologize for being unable to be here to-day.

CoRoT has been now flying for more than two months after a very successful launch and a perfect injection on its orbit.

The commissioning phase is going on with the initial run, till april 2nd.

All the equipments work nominally and the performances should be conform to the specifications.

We hope that quite soon the data of this first "initial" run will be

sufficiently well corrected to be usable for science, by the Co-Is and their teams.

Presently they look very promissing, with so many variable stars!

After this first preliminary run in the anticentre direction, the scientific programme will start as proposed with a short run of approx. 20 days dedicated to seismology, and then a very long one of

150 days in the centre direction.

I wish you a very fruitful CoRoT day

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