The Specola sunspot drawing archive

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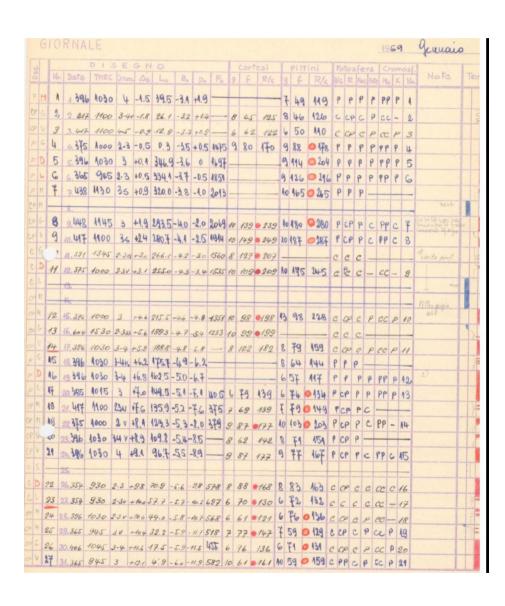
SSN4

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Waldmeier era (1957-1980)

- Sunspot drawings, archived in Zurich
- Still at Specola:
 - Spectroheliograms Ca K (list on the WEB)
 - Halpha filtergrams (list on the WEB)
 - Photospheric photo (list on the WEB)
 - Cortesi Pittini observing logbooks

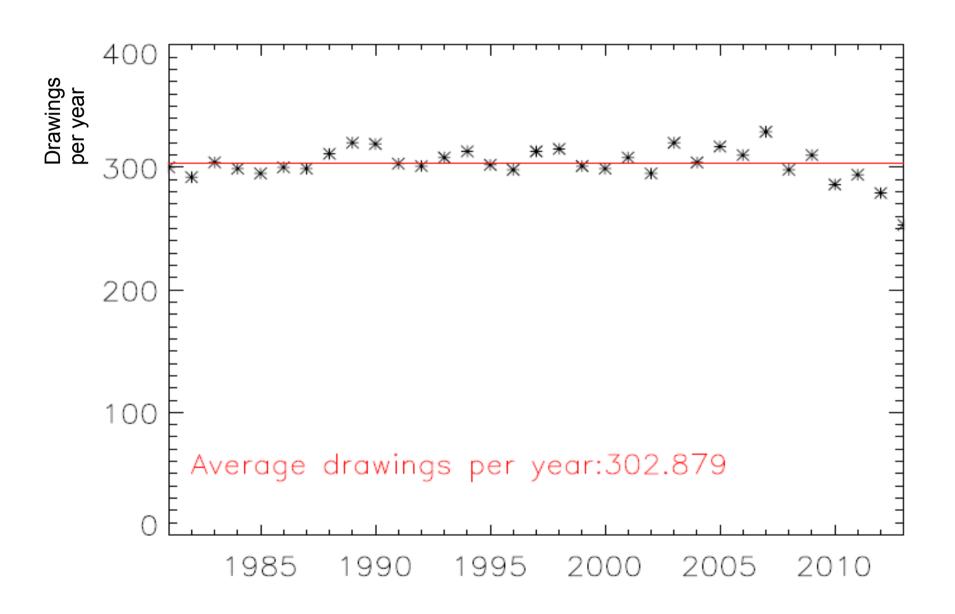
Logbook Cortesi-Pittini



From 1981

- Drawing archive digitized with the scanner and available on the Web
- Database with groups, classification, latitude and countings
- We plan to transfer the data in a Mysql database accessible through the WEB

Some statistics



Some statistics 1981-2013

Observers:

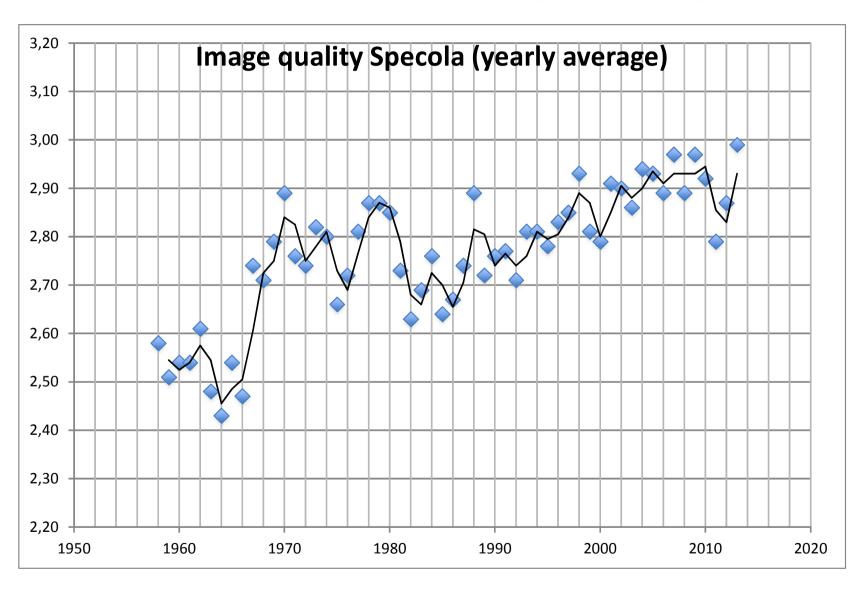
•	Sergio Cortesi	6983	(till now)
•	Andrea Manna	913	(1989 - now, mainly on Sunday)
•	MarcoCagnotti	688	(2008 - now)
•	Michele Bianda	630	(1983 - now)
•	Marco Cortesi	463	(1982 - 1989)
•	Roberto Cortesi	148	(1981 - 1983)
•	Elena Altoni	49	(2002 - 2007)
•	Renzo Ramelli	41	(2003 - now)
•	Araldo Pittini	34	(1998 - 2001)
•	Edy Alge	27	(1994 - 2001)
•	Anna Cairati	10	(2009 - 2011)
•	Michele De Lorenzi	8	(1981 - 1983)

Transition Cortesi – Cagnotti as main observer

- Marco Cagnotti started in 2008 with a part time reduced rate
- Every year he increased gradually his working rate until 2011
- Since 2011 → director of Specola

2008: Andrea 42 MarcoCagnotti 36 Sergio 196 2009: Andrea 43 MarcoCagnotti 32 Sergio 226 2010: 39 Andrea MarcoCagnotti 146 Sergio 97 2011: Andrea 50 MarcoCagnotti 170 Sergio 58 2012: Andrea 46 MarcoCagnotti 147 Michele 5 81 Sergio 2013: 42 Andrea MarcoCagnotti 157 46 Sergio

Image quality (seeing)



1= very good, 5= poor seeing

Future developements

 We plan to install an automatic Halpha telescope on the roof of the Specola, and make the images available through the WEB.

(The telescope has already been built at Fachhochschule RheinMain, Germany and will be transported to Specola)

Production of Ursigrams?

The future

- ... and inclusion in the GCOS network (Global Climate Observing System) → see talk of Ambrosetti on Thursday.
 - This will guarantee the long term surviving of the Specola and will probably allow to increase the financing, that now is very limited (budget < 50kFr)
 - The whole community will benefit if the SSN will be considered as an important long term data series connected with the climate that should be included in the GCOS program.