Life in the Atacama Field Journal

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Plan

• Outreach and education events
• Prepare robot for transport

Status and Progress

Meeting students. In the morning Dr. David Wettergreen presented a seminar on the Life in the Atacama project and the technologies involved to students of the UCN. Throughout the afternoon we met with many student groups, starting with younger children and then high school students. In the afternoon university students stopped to ask questions about the technology, with computer science and engineering graduates having good discussion of the robotics hardware and software.

Preparing for transport. With Zoë checked out and working, we partially disassembled it for transport out to the desert. This time, without wheels, it was strapped down to the bed of cargo truck. We expect a smooth ride, traveling slowly, down unpaved roads and then cross country to reach the area where the field investigation will begin.

Upcoming

• Transport robot
• Scout landing site

Weather Nice Antofagasta winter weather, sunny and 15C