

So it is Saturday night. It's only 9 o'clock, but people are tired. The things the polar air does to people. Or perhaps it is the long hours.

At noon today the film crew arrived, as well as Arne from the computer division at met.no.

Arne immediately started setting up the operation room, and now it's wonderfully equipped. We have a long 20 person briefing table with two work stations and power to all the laptops you could dream of. In the back we have four small tables with one work station on each. There's a wireless network, and we have two printers and two projectors. And it's all working perfectly (except that we lack one little thing to connect projector no 2 to the system, but we'll fix that).

Frode and Astrid from Univisjon sat down to plan as much as they could, and when I later went to pick up Idar at the airport, I had to take along a microphone for him to wear as he entered the Rocket Range and was tightly followed by a camera. You now know what you can expect.

Idar at once went out and ran over a mountain. Scientists have the strangest habits. Later he and Arne have been busy working with the Diana setup. They still are, but we have had a break to have some excellent food downtown. During the campaign we will have our dinner at the rocket range, but that does not go into effect until Monday, so we are taking out some extra luxury in advance.

Tomorrow we expect Øyvind and Muralidhar to arrive. In the evening the DLR group will be enforced with four people, I think. (Frank, Christian and Wolfgang have been doing their stuff today. Have seen them only sporadically.) At around 8 p.m Sunday we will have a planning meeting to prepare the Tuesday flight, among other things.

Also on the program tomorrow is some more work with software, taping up the kilometers of cables so Jón Egill won't stumble - and looking for good locations for outdoor interviews.

Some local media have used our first press release:
<http://www.sesam.no/search/?q=thorpex&c=m>

Today's snapshots are enclosed.

On behalf of the happy people at Andøya,
Gudmund-

Cables, cables, cables



Astrid arrives – and feels how it is
to be in front of the camera



All systems are go
at the operation room



Food for the working classes

