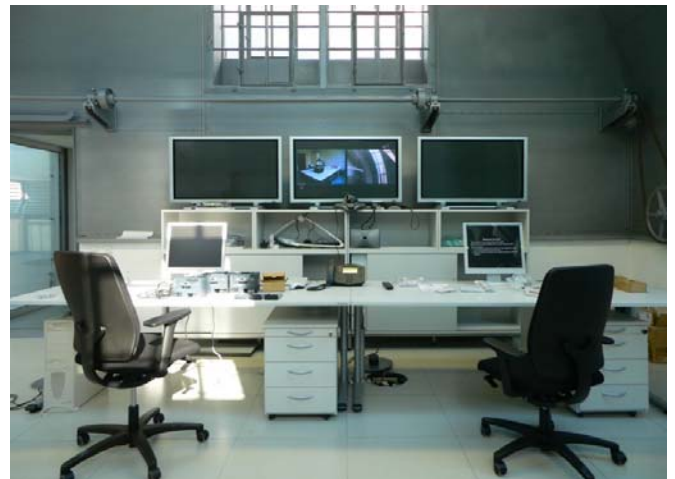


**Astrophysical Institute Potsdam**  
**Architect: Joachim Kleine Allekotte, Berlin**

AIP  
Babelsberg Observatorium, Meridianhäuser  
An der Sternwarte 16  
Potsdam  
Germany

Year built: 2004  
Furniture:  
**early bird**



The **early bird** swivel chair enables the scientists to enjoy a pleasant view of the stars at all times.

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After comprehensive renovations, the former meridian buildings on the site of the astrophysical institute in Potsdam serve as a media and communications center for the institute. Here, remote-controlled telescopes in Tenerife and Arizona are monitored and visitors are given an impression of the current state of scientific astronomy.  
The unconventional buildings were built in 1913 as accommodation for three meridian circles and are now individual historic monuments as well as part of the World Cultural Inheritance referred to as "Prussian Arcades".