Feb 2010 Alba mini newsletter General: \* Below you can find a link to a newscast on TV3 about the success of booster commissioning: http://www.tv3.cat/videos/2689490/Primeres-proves-del-sincrotro Beamlines: http://www.cells.es/Beamlines \* Core Level Absorption & Emission Spectroscopies (CLESS) - Infrastructure of the optics hutch is being installed \* Materials Science and Powder Diffraction (MSPD) - Multi-crystal detector electronics tests on the counting chain to be finalized \* Macromolecular Crystallography (XALOC) - Evaluating offers for the main data collection detector \* Non-Crystalline Diffraction (NCD) - In-house commissioning of the cryocooler+monochromator has been finished - Installing beam defining slits (Optics and Experimental hutches) - Survey alignment for components (to be installed in May) has been carried out \* Photoemission Spectroscopy and Microscopy (CIRCE) - Detailed design review of the PEEM has been approved \* Resonant Absorption and Scattering (BOREAS) - Installation of the optics has started - Final design review meeting for the XMCD end station has been held \* X-Ray Microscopy (MISTRAL) TDs. http://www.cells.es/Divisions/Accelerators/Insertion Devices/Ids/ \* EU71s: site acceptance tests have been finished; its performance according to the specifications has been verified \* IVUs: factory acceptance tests to be started next week Accelerators: http://www.cells.es/Divisions/Accelerators The main milestones achieved during the Booster run which started on the 11.01.10 and finished on the evening of the 24.01.10 h have been: \* Stored beam in the Booster at 100 MeV with the RF on \* Beam ramped up to 2.7 GeV, higher than it had been foreseen. \* Beam studies at 100 Mev and also during ramping

These results shown that all the components, sub-systems and equipment performed accordingly to specifications. More information at http://www.cells.es/NewsAndEvents/News/first-operational-test-of-the-booster-accelerator-of-alba

The Booster is now off and we are continuing with the installation of the RF cavities in the Storage Ring.