



## Ten Nights at the “Very Large Telescope” (VLT)!

Ever since the ESO Conference on Future Telescopes in December 1977, astronomers have been talking about future *Very Large Telescopes*. But what would they actually do with them? We therefore asked some of the astronomers in the ESO countries to answer the simple (?) question: *What would you observe if you had ten nights on a 25 metre VLT?* We bring their replies in this and the following issue of the *Messenger*.



*Uncovering the secrets of the Universe with a 25 m VLT. Drawn by Jean-Claude Pecker who tells about his preferred observing programme with a future giant telescope. Other contributors in this Messenger issue are Immo Appenzeller, Poul-Erik Nissen, Antoine Labeyrie, Luboš Kohoutek and Jean-Pierre Swings. More will follow in the next issue.*