

all existing catalogues, hopefully find potential candidates and then resort to MOS spectra. Another useful dimension for identification is time variability on both long and short term timescales, as in the case of AGNs and X/γ-ray pulsars in our Galaxy. Polarimetry, also possible e.g. with EFOSC, on a complete source field, is yet another tool for identifying a

high-energy, nonthermal candidate among normal field stars. This type of work has already been the subject of several programmes approved during the last four years for the ESO 3.6-m and NTT telescopes at La Silla. This has resulted in the successful study of several X/γ-ray source regions, carried out both in imaging/photometry, spectro-

copy (including MOS), polarimetry and time variability.

We are confident that this Key-Programme team has both the observational experience and the organizational capability to fulfil the proposed scientific objectives for the first example of a ground based/high-energy space astronomy programme.

Report on the First ESO/CTIO Workshop: "Bulges of Galaxies"

The first ESO/CTIO Workshop was held on January 16–19, 1990, in La Serena, Chile. The scientific sessions took up 3 days with 2 afternoons reserved for visits to the La Silla and Tololo observatories. The theme of the workshop was "Bulges of Galaxies" and included all aspects of bulge research, both Galactic and in external galaxies.

There were eleven invited and about thirty shorter, contributed papers. A poster session was also provided. The meeting was attended by about 90 scientists from 5 continents. About 30, mainly young participants, were partially supported by the conference funds allowing them to attend and to present contributions.

The proceedings are being edited and

will be published later this year by ESO.

It was a pleasure to work together with our colleagues from CTIO and it was good to hear many positive comments from the participants.

I hope that there will be many more such joint meetings held in Chile and that they may all be as stimulating as this one.

H. E. SCHWARZ, ESO

News About the ESO Exhibition

The travelling ESO Exhibition has a busy time this summer. Last year it was decided to duplicate most of the exhibition items, so that it can be shown in two places at once. This has paid off and both exhibitions are now booked out through most of 1991.

ESO was present, together with its sister organizations CERN, ESA and EMBL, at the "Europa Ricerca" exhibition in Rome, Italy on May 31–June 10. This major presentation of large European science and technology projects was organized by the Italian Chairmanship of Eureka in connection with the VIII Eureka Minister Conference.

If you visit Geneva in Switzerland this summer, don't miss a tour through the new CERN Microcosmos, just installed on the CERN grounds near Meyrin, outside the city. In addition to learning about the smallest particles, you will see beautiful pictures of galaxies and stars in one area of the Microcosmos building. Here the ESO Exhibition is installed until the end of August. It was inaugurated on May 28 by the Directors General of CERN and ESO, Professors Carlo Rubbia and Harry van der Laan.

The "Free University" of Brussels in Belgium will be host to the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO) this summer. This is the first time that this venerable American organization meets outside its home country, let on another continent. In recognition of this important event, ESO is

setting up its exhibition at the University from July 17 to 29. There will be public access; more details can be obtained from the organizer, Dr. Chris Sterken,

Free University of Brussels, Astrophysical Institute, Pleinlaan 2, B-1180 Brussels, Belgium.

ESO was pleased to accept an invita-



From the opening ceremony of the Eureka Minister Conference and the exhibition Europa Ricerca – (left to right) the Italian Minister for Universities and Technological Research, A. Ruberti, CEC Vice-President F.M. Pandolfi, ESA Director General R. Lüst and ESO Director General H. van der Laan. Participating in the ceremony were the Italian President, Francesco Cossiga, ministers and high representatives from the Eureka member countries and the EEC, directors general from CERN, EMBL, ESA and ESO as well as delegates to the conference.