EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

COUNCIL

134th (Extraordinary) Meeting
Leiden, 4 March 2015

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Summary of Decisions and Conclusions

Approved by the Council President and the Director General
134th (Extraordinary) Meeting of ESO Council
held at the Old Observatory, Leiden on 4 March 2015

Council convened in the following composition:

**President**
Prof. P Roche

**Delegates**
Prof. J Alves, AT
Prof. C Waelkens, BE
Dr S Pireaux, BE
Prof. W Benz, CH
Dr M Steinacher, CH
Prof. J Palouš, CZ
Ms P Katzova (alternate for Dr Buriánek), CZ
Prof. T Henning, DE
Prof. U Jørgensen, DK
Dr R Bachiller, ES
Prof. J Kotilainen, FI
Dr A Väihkönen, FI
Dr L Vigroux, FR
Dr D Mourard, FR
Dr M Pardo, IT
Prof. K Kuijken, NL
Dr van de Donk, NL
Prof. P Garcia, PT
Dr P Carnerio, PT
Dr C Sahlberg, SE
Prof. H Olofsson, SE
Prof. S Morris, UK
Dr C Vincent, UK

**Apologies**
Dr D Weselka, AT
Dr J Buriánek, CZ
Dr T Roth, DE
Ms C Tornæe, DK
Mr F Ballestero, ES
Prof. G Bignami, IT

**ESO Representatives**
Prof. T de Zeeuw, ESO Director General
Prof. R Ivison, Director for Science¹

**Secretariat**
Mrs J Wallace

¹ Attendance agenda item 4
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**Opening of Meeting and preliminaries**

The President welcomed Council to its 134th (extraordinary) meeting and in particular Prof. Willy Benz and Prof. Simon Morris as the new CH and UK delegates respectively. Council noted that apologies had been received from Dr Jan Burianek (CZ) and welcomed Ms Pavla Katzová (FC member) who was acting as his alternate. Apologies had also been received from Dr Daniel Weselka (AT), Dr Thomas Roth (DE), Ms Cecilie Tornøe (DK), Mr Fernando Ballestero (ES) and Prof. Giovanni Bignami (IT).

The agenda was unanimously approved and the credentials were found to be in order.

**Membership of Council Committees**

Council unanimously approved the membership of the New Member States Working Group (NMSWG):

**ESO Council:** Prof. Jan Palous (Chair), Mr Pedro Carneiro, Prof. Pat Roche, Dr Thomas Roth, Dr Martin Steinacher, Dr Laurent Vigroux, Dr Daniel Weselka

**ESO Management:** Director General, Director of Administration, Head of Cabinet

Council unanimously approved the membership of Prof. Willy Benz as a member of the Strategy Working Group (SWG) and noted that the membership of the SWG was:

**ESO Council:** Prof. Christoffel Waelkens (Chair), Prof. Willy Benz, Prof. Giovanni Bignami, Dr. Jan van de Donk, Prof. Thomas Henning, Prof. Denis Mourard, Dr Catarina Sahlberg

**ESO Management:** Director General, Director of Programmes, Director of Science (as members) Director of Administration, Head of Cabinet (in attendance)

**Allocation of Guaranteed Time at the Very Large Telescope to compensate the ESPRI consortium for effort and cash invested in PRIMA**

Council approved the allocation of 120 nights of guaranteed time at the Very Large Telescope to compensate the ESPRI consortium for effort and cash invested in PRIMA. It was noted that an updated GTO policy for the VLT was to be prepared in the near future.