

- and assist the E-ELT project in decisions as they relate to scientific objectives and the scientific performance of the programme;
- Participate in the refinement of the project science plans and the philosophy for defining and conducting the science programme;
 - Disseminate this information actively and explain the goals of the E-ELT to the ESO community.

ESO is seeking a representative group of scientists, covering scientific as well as

technical expertise. Candidates should be ready to dedicate more than 10% of their time to the project during the three-year appointment. Funding is available for extended visits (several distributed or continuous weeks) to the ESO Headquarters in the frame of this work.

The closing date for sending nominations is 31 March 2012. The E-ELT programme will start by contacting candidates thereafter, with the goals of completing a team of a dozen multi-disciplinary scientists by 30 April 2012.

Nominations should be justified by a maximum of one page of text, summarising the relevant expertise (and plans) of the candidate for the E-ELT project, and should be submitted electronically to Samantha Milligan (smilliga@eso.org) before 31 March 2012. Both self-nominations as well as nominations by supporters (individuals or groups) are welcome.

The terms of reference for the Project Science Team can be found at <http://www.eso.org/sci/facilities/eelt/science/pst>

ESO Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

The year 2012 marks 50 years since the ESO Convention was signed by representatives from five European countries — Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden on 5 October 1962. The anniversary year is an opportunity to look back at ESO's history, celebrate its scientific and technological achievements and look forward to the future.

A number of events and public initiatives are planned for 2012, as announced on the 50th anniversary web page¹, including:

- A scientific symposium (see announcement on p. 47);
- Coordinated public events in the 15 Member States on the day of the anniversary, 5 October 2012;
- A gala anniversary event to take place in Munich on 11 October 2012;
- An anniversary exhibition on display at selected locations in the ESO Member States;
- A documentary film released on the anniversary day, together with an illustrated book;
- The first Picture of the Week² of every month in 2012 will be a special Then and Now feature, presenting ESO sites as they looked in the past and as they look today;



- Release of the second part of the official history of ESO, written by Claus Madsen, to follow the book by Adriaan Blaauw, *ESO's Early History* (1991). An illustrated timeline of the five decades of ESO is also available³.

Links

¹ ESO's 50th anniversary web page: <http://www.eso.org/public/outreach/50years.html>

² Picture of the Week: <http://www.eso.org/public/images/potw/>

³ ESO Timeline: <http://www.eso.org/public/about-eso/timeline.html>