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The ESO Book "Exploring the Southern Sky" (see the *Messenger* **49**, page 42) was presented to the Press in late September, in Copenhagen and at the ESO Headquarters. A reception was held at the Danish Academy of Sciences on September 21, with participation of representatives from the publisher, RHODOS, and the two foundations which supported the Danish edition, Urania Fonden and Knud Højgaards Fonds. On September 29, the English and German editions were presented by Springer and Birkhäuser Verlag, during a reception at ESO in Garching. On this day, the Press was also allowed to visit

the "Remote Control Room" where Mira Véron (Observatoire de Haute-Pro-

vence) was observing with the 2.2-m telescope on La Silla.

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The Volcano and the Stars

This beautiful photo of the active Volcán Villarica in central Chile was obtained by ESO astronomer Bo Reipurth

in March 1987. The photo was made in bright moonlight, illuminating the top glacier. The stars in the field are in the

constellations of Ara and Pavo; η Pav is seen as bright trail near the right edge and η Ara is left of the fiery crater.