



ESO Exhibitions

An ESO Exhibition was officially opened at the Vienna Planetarium on December 17, 1987, by the Austrian Federal Minister for Science and Research, Professor Dr. Hans Tuppy. ESO was represented by Professor Harry van der Laan, Director General elect. In the picture above, the Minister (centre) is shown the model of the ESO New Technology Telescope by the new Director General.

During the past year, the ESO Exhibition has grown and one more impressive item has just been added. Recently, a photographic panorama of the Milky

Way was obtained by Claus Madsen and Svend Laustsen; a high-quality printed copy was published as a fold-out in the ESO Book *Exploring the Southern Sky*.

This panorama has now been photographically enlarged to fill 1.5 x 8 m. It shows the entire 360° of the Milky Way band to ± 30° latitude, i.e. about half of the entire sky, with a resolution of about 1 arcminute and down to 11th magnitude. On the photo below, it is

being prepared for transport to the Madrid Planetarium, Spain, where the next ESO Exhibition will take place. The photographer points to the Andromeda Galaxy, one of the many well-known objects visible on the panorama; note also the Large Magellanic Cloud at the lower right. The picture on the opposite page is a reproduction at the panorama scale of an area near the dark clouds in Ophiocchus.

Next Locations for the ESO Exhibition:

Spain	Madrid	Planetario	March 1–April 10
Italy	Bologna	Palazzo Re Enzo	May 7–May 27
Sweden	Gothenburg	Liseberg	June 15–August

