

Next, the NTT and VLT projects were explained in the Council room; this included a full-scale model of an 8.2-metre VLT mirror! (See the picture; this room was the only one at the Headquarters which was big enough.) In the terminal room, the advanced image processing systems caught the eyes of computer-minded persons of all ages and also the interesting demonstration by the ST/ECF of artificial intelligence. An overview of the Hubble Space Telescope was followed by a visit to the "Remote Control Room", from where two telescopes at La Silla are used for observations.

As usual, the names and orbits of minor planets attracted much interest and an impressive demonstration of a

CCD camera ("seeing" in a completely dark room) convinced quite a few visitors about the witchcraft of modern astronomical technology.

Finally, there was a possibility to participate in the "ESO Astroquiz". Well over 1,200 response sheets were counted in the box at the end of the day and when the prize-winners were drawn, the first three were found to come from places as far apart as München, Wolfratshausen and Regensburg. Each of them received a copy of the ESO Book "Entdeckungen am Südhimmel".

For them and many others, ESO was "worth the journey".

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NOTE

ESO/NOAO Workshops

In the *Messenger* No. 52 and in the Proceedings of the NOAO/ESO Conference on "High Resolution Imaging" it was announced that the next ESO/NOAO Workshop on experimental astrophysics with the title "Infrared Array Detectors" would be held in Tucson, Arizona, in the autumn of 1989.

We regret to inform you that this Workshop has been cancelled. Information on the next joint Workshop will be given in due time.

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Upcoming ESO Exhibitions

As reported in the last issue of the *Messenger*, ESO organized a special exhibition booth at the XXth IAU General Assembly in Baltimore (see photo). After the exhibitions in Malmö (Sweden) which is still running and another in Innsbruck (Austria) during November-December, the following are planned for next year:

The Hague, Netherlands, Museum, opening on January 27;
Münster, F.R. Germany, Museum für

Naturkunde, opening on April 20;
Klagenfurt, Austria, Planetarium, opening end of June;

Copenhagen, Denmark, Tycho Brahe Planetarium, opening in October;
Stuttgart, F.R. Germany, Planetarium, opening before Christmas.

We hope that our local readers will take the opportunity to visit these events.

Potentially interested organizers of future exhibitions are kindly requested to

contact the ESO Information Service (address on last page), since the planning for 1990 is about to start.

The exhibition has now been enlarged to include more information about the newest scientific and technological developments. Of particular interest is the full-scale model of a VLT mirror (53 m²) and the fischertechnik VLT model of a unit telescope, described elsewhere in this *Messenger* issue.

