

Often there is only one person in charge of the library, and their feeling of isolation can perhaps be alleviated by the knowledge that there are several other people in a similar situation whom one can contact by telephone or computer. It must be stressed that the success of EGAL will depend on the willingness of the participating librarians to involve themselves actively via the Bulletin, by supplying items of news and information which could be of interest to other members.

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We apologize to any librarian reading this who was not contacted and did not know about EGAL. Some names were deleted from our original mailing list because of failure to respond, but we will welcome any librarian who is willing to cooperate and share his/her experience and problems. There is no charge; so far we only exist through the medium of the Bulletin and the Directory. Sometime in the future it may be possible to organize some kind of meeting, but there are no firm plans as yet. Any European astronomical librarian who is not yet a member of EGAL and would like to become one is invited to contact me at the address given below.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The 4th ESO-CERN Symposium on "Cosmology, Astronomy and Fundamental Physics" and the 15th Texas Symposium on "Relativistic Astrophysics"

will be combined into a joint Texas/ESO-CERN Symposium to be held at the Conference Centre in Brighton (U.K.), 16–21 December 1990.

The Scientific Organizing Committee (co-chaired by M. J. Rees and G. Setti) has outlined the following programme:

Morning plenary lectures on:

Early Universe; Quantum Cosmology, High-Energy Physics – latest results; Nucleosynthesis; Galaxy Formation and High-z Objects; Large-Scale Structure; Dark Matter; X-ray and γ -ray Astronomy; Pulsars; Gravitational Lensing; Background Radiation; Solar Oscillations; Neutrinos and Underground Physics; Gravitation Theory.

Afternoon mini-symposia on:

Astrophysics of Neutron Stars and Black Holes (Organizer – R.D. Blandford)

Underground Physics (Co-organizers – B. Sadoulet and P.F. Smith)

Large-Scale Structure and Galaxy Formation (Organizer – G. Efstathiou)

The registration fee will be £ 75 (£ 25 for students). A first circular with a registration form has been circulated to institutes on the ESO mailing list. Information may be obtained from:

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