Brightest QSO in the South!

Right at the beginning of the “Bright Quasar” Key Programme, the Hamburg Quasar group discovered the brightest QSO in the southern sky. Already in the first 12 fields covered with the ESO Schmidt objective prism plates for this purpose, Lutz Wisotzki by computer search identified the B = 13.8 mag. object at the center of the photo as a highly probable QSO. Observations at the end of November 1990 with the 1.52-m telescope at La Silla confirmed the discovery. The redshift is z = 0.96. It is also the brightest QSO ever found by optical means.

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