



Paranal: January 1991. An ESO video/photo team (Claus Madsen and Herbert Zodet) visited La Silla and the Paranal area to obtain footage for the coming ESO video film: "How we chose Paranal for the VLT". During a flight around the mountain, they made this low-altitude photo from the north-east. It shows the Paranal peak (left) with the so-called "NTT-peak" in the middle and Cerro La Montura to the right. On all three, the bases for the seeing telescopes are visible as white spots. The Pacific Ocean is seen in the background. It will be interesting to compare this picture with one taken 15 years from now!



Prince Phillippe Visits ESO Headquarters

On March 6, 1991, ESO was honoured by the visit of the successor to the Belgian throne, His Royal Highness Prince Phillippe, to the Headquarters in Garching. The Prince was accompanied by several high officials from Belgium and Bavaria, including the Belgian Ambassador to Germany, His Excellency, Mr. Georges Van der Espt, and the Belgian Consul General in Munich, Mr. Michael Godfrind. On the photo, Klaus Banse demonstrates the MIDAS Image Processing System during the walk through the building. The Director General, Harry van der Laan, and the other ESO astronomers were pleased to note His Royal Highness' personal interest in various astronomical themes, in particular within the field of cosmology, and they were very happy to inform about the most recent scientific discoveries at La Silla.