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not least the messages exchanged in the discussion groups.

During the 'comet week' in July 1994, CompuServe saturated just like various places on the Internet. At the end of the Shoemaker-Levy 9 event, 628 images were available on CompuServe, and 258 information files, originating in 37 observatories or institutes. In addition, there had been 22 video files and many thousands of messages exchanged.

Growth in CompuServe's subscription base is around 50 % per annum. CompuServe's Space/Astronomy area

gets several thousand accesses per week. ESO's press releases are made available there, at the time of release. Many expressions of appreciation have been received from CompuServe members regarding this possibility to access information on ESO's work.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Council and Committee Members in 1995

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##### Members

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Knude (1994-98)  
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T. Lago (1993-96) Observer  
J. Mould (Observer)

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### Time-Table of Council Sessions and Committee Meetings

February 10	Scientific Technical Committee (extraord.)
March 21	Finance Committee (extraord.)
May 2-3	Users Committee
May 4-5	Scientific Technical Committee
May 9-10	Finance Committee
June 7-8	Council
September 25	Finance Committee (extraord.)
November 2-3	Scientific Technical Committee
November 6-7	Finance Committee
November 21-24	Observing Programmes Committee
November 28-29	Council