Introduction

The videotape described herein is produced specifically for broadcast use. It features the latest news from ESO, in particular its Very Large Telescope Array (VLT). It is accompanied by detailed, written information, including a shot list. There is no sound.

This issue of the ESO News Reel series contains a selection of video sequences of the best astronomical images, obtained in particular with

- the FORS and ISAAC instruments on the ESO Very Large Telescope at the Paranal Observatory
- the Wide-Field Imager on the ESO/MPI 2.2-m Telescope at the La Silla Observatory
- the SOFI instrument on the ESO 3.5-m New Technology Telescope at the La Silla Observatory

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                       NGC 2997 (PART) TABLE AND IMAGES
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                       SOMBRERO GALAXY, MESSIER 104 TABLE AND IMAGES
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ESO was founded in 1962 to establish and operate an astronomical observatory in the southern hemisphere and to promote and organise co-operation in astronomical research in Europe. Since its foundation, ESO has evolved into a driving force in European astronomy, taking over tasks and assignments that were beyond the capabilities of the individual member countries.

The first ESO observatory was constructed at Cerro La Silla in the Atacama desert, approx. 600 km north of Santiago de Chile. It is one of the largest and best equipped observatories in the world.

ESO's primary facility is the Very Large Telescope (VLT). It consists of an array of gigantic telescopes. The VLT Observatory is located at Cerro Paranal in the driest part of the Atacama desert, where conditions for astronomical observations are truly outstanding.

The first of the VLT Unit Telescopes (the Antu Telescope) saw 'First Light' in 1998, the last of the giant telecopes (Yepun) on September 3, 2000. With all the telescopes working simultaneously, the VLT is the largest optical telescope in the world. One of its most exciting features is the possibility to combine the light from the telescopes and thus to use it as a giant optical interferometer (VLTI). Phasing in of the VLTI will begin in 2001.

Since 1980, the ESO Headquarters are situated in Garching, north of Munich, Germany. It also houses the European Coordinating Centre for the Hubble Space Telescope (ST/ECF), operated jointly by ESO and ESA, the European Space Agency.

Every year, thousands of astronomers carry out research using data collected at the ESO observatories. The results of their work are published in several hundreds of scientific articles each year. ESO also maintains a vigorous programme of international conferences with themes from front-line astronomical science and technology.

ESO has an extensive programme for Fellows (young astronomers with a Ph.D. degree) and Students. Senior scientists from the member states and other countries work during a shorter or longer time as Visiting Scientists at the ESO sites.

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