(the preprints database of the STScl Library to which bibliographic details are added upon publication of a preprint) allow them to check whether a paper has been published in the meantime. The ESO preprints database can be queried again in order to find other preprints of interest. Finally, the SISSA electronic preprint server in Trieste, Italy, a mirror site of the Los Alamos National Laboratory's e-print archive, can be accessed and searched for related preprints.

# 3. Publications of the ESO User's Community

The bibliography of publications of the ESO user's community contains papers by ESO staff members and visiting astronomers if they refer to data obtained with ESO telescopes. A query form supports searches for authors, titles, and publication years. Hyperlinks are pro-

vided to the ADS Abstract Service from where the abstract of the paper as well as related publications may be retrieved, to the ESO Libraries' preprint database in order to find titles of currently unpublished papers, and to the SISSA electronic preprint server (Fig. 2). Astronomers might find these new features especially useful when preparing observing proposals.

#### 4. Access to Electronic Journals

As publishers are moving more and more towards electronic publishing, some of the astronomical journals will be made available in electronic form, be it exclusively or in addition to the paper version. The ESO Libraries provide access to on-line versions from the Electronic Journals WWW page at URL http://www.eso.org/libraries/electronic.html. In addition, electronic addresses of journals are included in the library catalog.

From early next year onwards, URLs will not only be displayed in the WebCat, but will be active links to the corresponding site. Double clicking on the underlined address will then take users directly into the electronic journal.

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### IN MEMORIAM

## **Gerhard Bachmann**

24.5.1931 - 9.12.1996

With deep regret we have to inform the ESO Community of the passing of Mr. Bachmann.

Mr. Bachmann served as Head of Administration of ESO from December 1972 until May 1996.

He contributed greatly to the creation and development of an administrative and political framework for European research in Astronomy, in particular in the ESO member states.

We are deeply grateful for his work.

Dr. Peter Creola President of the Council Prof. Riccardo Giacconi Director General

# **New ESO Preprints**

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#### **Scientific Preprints**

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### The ESO Director General Receives Award

The region of Puglia, Italy, conferred their award "Targhe d'Oro della Regione Puglia" to prominent Italians living in Germany. Among the seven distinguished personalities receiving the award in 1996 is Professor Riccardo Giacconi.

The seven recipients this year are Claudio Abbado (Music), Giancarlo Biamino (Medicine), Riccardo Giacconi (Science and Technology), Salvo Ricci Mazzolini (Journalism), Bruno Sacco (Design), Giovanni Trapattoni (Sport) and Giuseppe Vita (Industry).

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5	HP disc drive model 7937	2920E15658	1989
6	HP disc drive model 7937	2720A05552	1987
7	Kennedy tape drive model 9400	504-1239	1985
8	Tek Xpress X-terminal (broken)		1990
9	Equinox PBX for RS 232 connections		1985
10	Solbourne model 5E/800i	P0101199	1991
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