ESO and the International Year of Astronomy 2009

The International Year of Astronomy 2009 (IYA2009) was a global effort initiated by the International Astronomical Union and UNESCO to help the citizens of the world rediscover their place in the Universe through the day- and night-time sky, and thereby engage a personal sense of wonder and discovery.

ESO played a major role in IYA2009, including the following activities and projects:

– Hosting the IYA2009 Secretariat, which coordinated the Year globally

– "In Search of our Cosmic Origins" — a planetarium show about ALMA, the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array

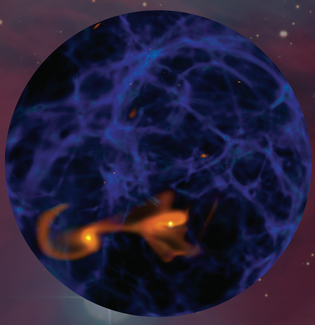
– Leading roles in four IYA2009 Global Cornerstone projects: Cosmic Diary, Portal to the Universe, 100 Hours of Astronomy and Galilean Nights

– Outreach activities in Chile and in Garching and Munich, Germany

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Some impressions of the ALMA planetarium show.

The ESO Cosmic Diary bloggers



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Background image: NGC 2264 and the Christmas Tree cluster