New External Auditor Appointed

Following a long period of service by the Bundesrechnungshof (Federal German Government audit office) as external auditor of the accounts of ESO, the Council, at its December 1973 meeting, decided to rotate this appointment and accept an external auditor from the French Cour des Comptes.

The new auditor is Mr. G. Pirot, a senior official of the Cour. He attended the Finance Committee meeting in Hamburg on June 6 as an observer.

Mr. Pirot has already held meetings with the previous external auditors and the present internal auditor and plans to make his first visit to Chile early in 1975.

Vacancies in ESO

3.5.1974
Electronics engineer
Location: ESO TP Division, Geneva
Grade: 9/10
Code: 204

11.6.1974
Systems analyst/programmer
Location: ESO/Chile, Santiago
Grade: 8/9
Code: 104/106

15.7.1974
Mechanic
Location: ESO TP Division, Geneva
Grade: 6
Code: 501

8.8.1974
Head, Finance Services
Location: Hamburg
Grade: 10/11
Code: 701

17.9.1974
Administrator
Location: Chile
Grade: 9/10
Code: 700

Introducing your ESO Staff Association Representatives

Chairman of the local committee at the Hamburg / Bergedorf office is Eva Kunstein. Miss Kunstein, who is German, works as assistant buyer in the Purchasing/Shipping Service. Hedwig Geier is the other committee member.

Matters under discussion by the Staff Association include the statutes of the Staff Association, revision of health insurance, old age pensions and language training.

On August 22, Wolfgang Müller succeeded Michel Becker as chairman of the ESO/Chile branch of the SA. Of German nationality, Mr. Müller joined ESO in 1971 and is currently working on La Silla as construction engineer. J. Eschwey was selected deputy. The other members are W. Eckert, L. Ulltjärn and E. Schumann.

At the TP Division, Geneva, Raymond Wilson, a Briton, has been the local committee chairman since last year. Now a senior physicist, Dr. Wilson worked for many years with Zeiss of Oberkochen before coming to ESO in 1972. The other committee members are F. Simon and R. Zurbüchen.

An initial meeting of all three chairmen of the ESO Staff Association was held in Geneva on April 18 and 19. The final version of the revised Staff Rules and Regulations was discussed first in closed session and then with the Directorate. The first version of the Statutes of the Staff Association was prepared, as well as an organigram of the SA.

A further meeting of the Geneva and Hamburg branches of the SA was held in Hamburg on August 26, with the participation of E. Kunstein, R. Wilson, H. Geier and F. Simon.

On September 30, the latter group met again at Hamburg to finalize the statutes of the SA.