

CHILE

DAHLEM, Michael (D), Operations Staff Astronomer
DELSANTI, Audrey (F), Student
FAURE, Cécile (F), Student
ZALTRON, Paolo (I), Associate

Local Staff (1 September – 30 November 2002)

ARRIVALS

CANIGUANTE BARCO, Luis Alejandro, Electronic Engineer
HENRIQUE LEON, Juan Pablo, Mechanical Technician

Manfred Ziebell Retires



It's hard to believe, but by the end of November, Manfred's sounding footsteps will no longer be heard at ESO Garching.

Manfred initiated his engineering career at ESO when the 3.6-m telescope was in the design phase and had to be brought into a reality. New servo controls, positioning systems, communication protocols were his lot; a time when ESO struggled to reach its autonomous design maturity. Manfred proved to be a key figure for the future technological challenges.

Faced with a jungle of technical initiatives, he managed to develop electronic standards that merged successfully into the VLT design.

Manfred assembled design and support teams for the telescope and the instrumentation controls. Convincing rather than imposing was his style, a style that was very much appreciated and highly respected by his colleagues.

Service-minded, he became a paradigm of support endeavours, by solving technical problems, contractual issues and human relations. He was ready to tackle any issue, including Hausmeister and safety functions.

Problems? Ask Manfred!

Manfred was on the phone with Chile or... in Chile!

The VLT encoding units failed? Manfred was already negotiating alternatives!

As Head of the Technical Division, he established a support culture that placed ESO on the trail to success.

Manfred's hurried and sounding steps will be missed at ESO.

"Un hombre de primeras aguas, ahora otras aguas lo esperan"

Daniel Hofstadt

Thirty-Seven Years of Service with ESO!



On December 1st, 2002, after thirty-seven years of service, first in Chile and then in Garching, Ms. Christa Euler will leave ESO to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Among the current staff, she is probably the only person who started her career at ESO just four years after the Organization was founded.

Christa joined ESO Chile on April 1st, 1966, at the time when Prof. Heckmann was Director General. In these early days she was responsible for all secretarial work in the Santiago

office, which was first located in the Guesthouse before moving to the Vitacura building. Three years later, upon the arrival of Prof. B.E. Westerlund, she took over the post of secretary to the ESO Director in Chile. With the exception of a ten-month period spent in the Personnel Department in Hamburg, she held this position until mid-1976. Her definitive move to ESO Europe took place in September 1976. At the newly installed Headquarters in Garching, she took up

LEIVA BECERRA, Alfredo, Instrumentation Engineer
ROA FIGUEROA, Luis, Mechanical Technician
ROJAS CHANAMPA, Chester, Instrument Technician
TORRES ZAMORANO, Manuel, Maintenance Electronic Technician

DEPARTURES

ALVAREZ CASTELLON, Pedro,
Precision Mechanic
CASTRO CASTRO, Wilson, Mechanic
MIRANDA MANRIQUEZ, Marcela,
Administrative Secretary

duty in the Visiting Astronomers' Section then headed by Dr. A.B. Muller.

During the twenty-six years that Christa worked in this Section, apart from being the key person whose diligence was much appreciated by all the astronomers having to travel to Chile, she has – among many other things – very efficiently handled over 20,000 observing proposals, and organized about fifty OPC meetings, including the corresponding "exclusive" OPC dinners. Today, her name is familiar to most European astronomers as well as to many others overseas, as demonstrated by the numerous expressions of heartfelt gratitude received for the farewell booklet that was presented to her on November 28, on the occasion of the OPC dinner, which was held in her honour.

Friends, colleagues and astronomers will certainly miss Christa Euler. We wish her all the best for the years to come.

Jacques Breysacher

New ESO Proceedings

The Proceedings of the Topical Meeting, held in Venice from 7 to 10 May 2001

Beyond Conventional Adaptive Optics

(ESO Conference and Workshop Proceedings No. 58)

have now been published. The price for the 490-page volume, edited by E. Vernet, R. Ragazzoni, S. Esposito and N. Hubin, is € 50.– (prepayment required).

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45	ESO/EIPC Workshop "Structure, Dynamics and Chemical Evolution of Elliptical Galaxies", 1993	€ 45.–
46	Second ESO/CTIO Workshop on "Mass Loss on the AGB and Beyond", 1993	€ 35.–
47	5th ESO/ST-ECF Data Analysis Workshop, 1993	€ 15.–
48	ICO-16 Satellite Conference on "Active and Adaptive Optics", 1994	€ 45.–
49	ESO/OHP Workshop on "Dwarf Galaxies", 1994	€ 45.–
50	ESO/OAT Workshop "Handling and Archiving Data from Ground-based Telescopes", 1994	€ 20.–
51	Third CTIO/ESO Workshop on "The Local Group: Comparative and Global Properties", 1995	€ 25.–
52	European SL-9/Jupiter Workshop, 1995	€ 40.–