

In collaboration with the IAU, ESO has produced a book and DVD movie celebrating the 400th anniversary of the telescope. "Eyes on the Skies" explores the story of the telescope — its history, scientific and technical advances, and the people behind this ground-breaking invention.

A wide range of activities and projects for IYA2009 in Chile is planned, including a planisphere, "Science Cafés", a night-sky photo book, a network of schools revisiting classical science experiments, a permanent astronomical exhibition at the Museum of the Desert in Antofagasta, and an Open House at Paranal, La Silla, and APEX/ALMA.

ESO will also participate in a number of activities at its headquarters in Garching, Germany, including the Open House day on the Garching campus, planned for 24 October 2009.

ESO will be featured at several exhibitions during IYA2009, including the global IYA2009 opening ceremony at UNESCO in Paris, and the German IYA2009 opening event in Berlin.

IYA2009 Global Cornerstone Projects at ESO

In addition to its ESO-specific activities, ESO is involved in many of the IYA2009 Global Cornerstone Projects, and is playing a leading role in three of them.

"100 Hours of Astronomy" (2–5 April 2009) is a worldwide event bringing together star parties, webcasts, and more. ESO is coordinating a 24-hour webcast from research observatories around the world.

In "Cosmic Diary", professional scientists will put a human face on astronomy through blogs. The project is coordinated from the IYA2009 Secretariat at ESO, and 16 of our researchers are participating in the project's ESO blog.

The "Portal to the Universe" seeks to provide a global, one-stop portal for online astronomy content, for content providers, laypeople, press, educators, decision-makers and scientists. ESO, together with ESA/Hubble, is providing the portal infrastructure.

For more about ESO in IYA2009, visit: <http://www.astronomy2009.eu/> or contact information@eso.org.

For IYA2009 in general visit: <http://www.astronomy2009.org/> or contact the IYA2009 coordinator, Pedro Russo (prusso@eso.org)

Personnel Movements

Arrivals (1 October–30 December 2008)

Europe

Dall, Thomas (DK)	User Support Astronomer
Suarez Valles, Marcos (ES)	Software Engineer
Jeanmart, Kristel (BE)	Administrative Assistant
Dinjens-D'Lazarus, Mary (NL)	Administrative Assistant
Wild, Wolfgang (DE)	European Project Manager ALMA
van Kampen, Eelco (NL)	Applied Scientist
Schmid, Christian (DE)	Physicist
Saint-Hilaire, Valérie (FR)	Administrative Assistant
Todorovic, Mirko (BA)	Electronics Technician
Venemans, Bram (NL)	Fellow
Teixeira, Paula Stella (PT)	Fellow
Klaassen, Pamela (NL)	Fellow
Béchet, Clémentine (FR)	Optical Engineer
Meil, Betül (DE)	HR Officer
Villegas Mansilla, Daniela (CL)	Astronomer
Schneller, Dominik (DE)	General Engineer
Geeraert, Patrick (BE)	Head of Administration
Jaffe Ribbi, Yara Lorena (VE)	Student
Frank, Matthias (DE)	Student
Seemann, Ulf (DE)	Student

Chile

Smoker, Jonathan (GB)	Operations Astronomer
Dent, William (GB)	Systems Astronomer
Cabrera, Claudio (CL)	Civil Engineer
Serrano, Guido (CL)	Procurement Officer
Thomas, Alexis (CL)	Network Specialist
Abadie, Sergio (CL)	Maintenance Technician
Leon, Gino (CL)	Telescope Instruments Operator
Moerchen, Margaret (USA)	Fellow
Huertas-Company, Marc (ES)	Fellow
Lombardi, Gianluca (IT)	Optical Engineer
Montenegro-Montes, Francisco M. (ES)	Operations Astronomer
Zorotovic, Monica (CL)	Student
Gallenne, Alexandre (FR)	Student

Departures (1 October–30 December 2008)

Europe

Haggouchi, Karim (FR)	Software Engineer
Pangole, Eric (FR)	System Engineer
Rudolf, Hans (DE)	System Engineer
Mengel, Sabine (DE)	User Support Astronomer
Gustafsson, Birger (SE)	Software Engineer
Sivertsen, Beatrice (DE)	Secretary/Assistant
Toft, Sune (DK)	Fellow
Felber, Nina (DE)	Paid Associate
Araujo Hauck, Constanza (CL)	Optical Engineer
Wilson, Thomas (USA)	Director for ALMA
Malapert, Jean-Christophe (FR)	Software Engineer
Correia Nunes, Paulo (PT)	Software Engineer
Sommariva, Veronica (IT)	Student
Brogaard, Karsten (DK)	Student
Shen, Zhixia (CN)	Student
Gobat, Raphael (CH)	Student
Karovicova, Iva (CZ)	Student

Chile

Durand, Yves (FR)	Head of Engineering Department
Arenas, Eduardo (PE)	Procurement Officer
Núñez, Herman (CL)	Technical Drawer
Gonzalez, Domingo (CL)	Waiter
Garnica, Sonia (CL)	Guesthouse Supervisor
Risacher, Christophe (FR)	Instrument Scientist
Cesetti, Mary (IT)	Student
Pinto Moreira, Olga (PT)	Student
Salinas, Ricardo (CL)	Student