

# ESO 50th Anniversary Activities

A number of products are available as part of ESO's 50th anniversary celebrations. More details of the 50th anniversary activities are available on the web page<sup>1</sup>.

## Books

Claus Madsen's book, *The Jewel on the Mountaintop — The European Southern Observatory through Fifty Years*, has been produced especially for ESO's 50th anniversary. It contains 560 pages of ESO history with stories about the people behind the organisation and 150 historical photos and illustrations<sup>2</sup>.

An illustrated 264-page coffee-table book, *Europe to the Stars*, has also been released for the 50th anniversary<sup>3</sup>, resplendent with 300 of the best hand-picked images from ESO's large collection of more than 100 000 images from ESO telescopes.

## Documentary film

A 63-minute HD blu-ray film is being released in conjunction with *Europe to the Stars*, taking a graphical journey behind the scenes of ESO. The narration is in English and subtitles are available in 20 languages, including some not covered by ESO member states<sup>4</sup>. This DVD will be distributed with the December issue of *The Messenger*.

## Exhibition

*Awesome Universe* is a public exhibition celebrating 50 years of ESO's exploration of the southern sky. It is presented in Europe and around the world. Dozens of venues have already hosted this exhibition, such as the Museu de Ciencias Naturais PUC Minas in Brazil and the Sternwarte Reutlingen, Germany, and many more will do so over the next few months. A full listing of exhibition venues

is available<sup>5</sup>. The exhibition catalogue will be available at the venues and may also be downloaded or ordered in hardcopy<sup>6</sup>.

## Links

- <sup>1</sup> 50 years of ESO web page: <http://www.eso.org/public/outreach/50years.html>
- <sup>2</sup> C. Madsen, *The Jewel on the Mountaintop*, Wiley-VCH. Price: €49.90 from <http://www.wiley-vch.de>
- <sup>3</sup> G. Schilling, L. L. Christensen, *Europe to the Stars*, Wiley-VCH. Price: €34.90 from <http://www.wiley-vch.de>
- <sup>4</sup> *Europe to the Stars — ESO's first 50 years of exploring the southern sky* (blu-ray DVD) available from [http://www.eso.org/public/shop/product/cdrom\\_europe\\_stars\\_bluray/](http://www.eso.org/public/shop/product/cdrom_europe_stars_bluray/). Price: €5.99, with a reduction for bulk orders.
- <sup>5</sup> Listing of all the *Awesome Universe* exhibition venues: <http://www.eso.org/public/events/special-evt/awesome-universe/venues.html>
- <sup>6</sup> *Awesome Universe* exhibition catalogue: [http://www.eso.org/public/products/books/eso50\\_exhibition\\_catalogue/](http://www.eso.org/public/products/books/eso50_exhibition_catalogue/)

**Europe to the Stars — ESO's first 50 years of exploring the southern sky**

A sumptuously illustrated coffee-table book taking the reader behind the scenes at the most productive ground-based observatory in the world. The story of designing, building and operating the most powerful telescopes on the planet, and of discovering a Universe of deep mysteries and hidden secrets.

- Three large panoramic foldout views of the observatories
- 300 of ESO's best images, hand-picked from more than 100 000 images
- Includes a copy of the DVD movie *Europe to the Stars*

**The Jewel on the Mountaintop — The European Southern Observatory through Fifty Years**

The ultimate history book about ESO, but also about a truly remarkable European success story in research.

- 560 action-packed pages of ESO history and dramatic stories about the people behind the organisation
- 150 historical photos and illustrations
- Authored by ESO senior advisor Claus Madsen

Available in the ESOshop, also at bulk price: [www.eso.org/public/shop](http://www.eso.org/public/shop)