

Hans-Emil Schuster Celebrates his 80th Birthday

Hans-Emil Schuster was one of the first staff members in Chile; he joined ESO in 1964 and retired in 1991. Hans-Emil was born in Hamburg, Germany and was a student of Otto Heckmann — the first Director General of ESO. He was actively involved in site testing for the ESO observatories of La Silla, and later Paranal, and became acting director of La Silla. He was an active observer, discovering 25 asteroids and two comets, 106P/Schuster and C/1976 D2. He also discovered the Eridanus halo globular cluster (GLC0423-21), with Richard West the Phoenix Dwarf irregular galaxy (ESO 245 -G007) and two planetary nebulae, as well as a supernova in the galaxy NGC 1255. In 2011 Hans-Emil was awarded the rank of Commander of the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins for his services to astronomy in Chile¹.



Links

¹ Award of Order of Bernardo O'Higgins to Hans-Emil Schuster: <http://www.eso.org/public/announcements/ann11075/>

Hans-Emil Schuster wearing the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins.

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I never really considered pursuing a career in astronomy until I started applying for undergraduate programmes. Before that point, all I knew was that I had a passion for science, and that was the direction I was heading. I was certainly intrigued by space sciences, but this had more to do with science fiction than astronomy. In fact, it wasn't until the end of high school that I even settled on physics, in no small part because of a great teacher.

I grew up in Richmond Hill, a large town just north of Toronto, Ontario, in Canada, and attended the University of Toronto (UofT) for my undergraduate degree. It was pretty clear early in my studies that I enjoyed astronomy and wanted to turn this into a career, yet I had no idea what that meant.



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