

FROM THE ESO COUNCIL MEETING

ESO/CERN Agreement Renewed

The 23rd meeting of the Council of ESO was held in Hamburg on June 19/20.

At this meeting it was decided, among other things, that the ESO/CERN agreement for cooperation on the 3.6 m Telescope Project should continue for a further three years, as from September 15, 1975. This important agreement, which has already been operative for five years, gives ESO access to CERN facilities, including premises in Geneva where a combined staff totaling 49 is currently employed.

Now is the peak period. By 1976, much of the construction work on building and telescope will have been done, but there will still be a good deal of work in the initial operational stages and particularly on the continuing auxiliary instrumentation programme.

Changes in Council and Finance Committee

Prof. A. Lallemand resigned as French delegate to Council in December, 1973. He was succeeded, in the recent Council meeting, by Prof. J. F. Denisse.

Prof. Lallemand became a delegate of the ESO Council in the year 1968, when he succeeded in this capacity Prof. Charles Fehrenbach. Lallemand has become world-famous for his contributions in the field of electronic detection techniques, particularly for developing the so-called "Lallemand camera". He has always shown a deep interest in the European Southern Observatory where his advice in the field of instrumental developments was much appreciated. He has long been connected with the Observatoire de Paris, where he has now reached the retiring age.

Prof. J. F. Denisse has been with the CNRS (National Space Research Centre) since 1968 and before that was

director of the Institut National d'Astronomie et Géophysique for three years. He made his career in various domains of astronomy and has been particularly interested in radio astronomy. He was born near Paris and is aged 59.

Mr. H. Dumont, a French delegate in the ESO Finance Committee, resigned at the end of 1973 to take up the position of French Consul-General in Montreal.

Obituary

Council expressed sympathy with the relatives of Prof. Paul Bourgeois who died recently. Prof. Bourgeois, a leading Belgian astronomer, was one of the "founding fathers" of ESO.