Fig. 5: Image profile (mag sec$^{-2}$ versus radial distance in arc sec) of the QSO 3C 206 (circles) and of the stellar point-spread-function (PSF, crosses). Solid line is difference between PSF and QSO profile, showing underlying galaxy surrounding the QSO. Scale on left is apparent red mag sec$^{-2}$. Scale on right is mag sec$^{-2}$ with respect to the red night sky (5700-6000 Å).

Unusual alignments by H. C. Arp. Through deep imaging and follow-up spectroscopy of extended sources associated with quasars we hope to derive a consistent picture of aso redshifts.

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ESO ST WORKSHOP No. 1:
Dwarf Galaxies: The Need for Coordinated Space and Ground-based Observations

This workshop, which is the first in a series planned to encourage European cooperation and coordination in the use of the space telescope, will take place on May 12-13 1980 in Geneva. Participation by invitation.

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Visiting Astronomers
April 1–October 1, 1980

Observing time has now been allocated for period 25 (April 1 to October 1, 1980). As usual, the demand for telescope time was much greater than the time actually available.

The following list gives the names of the visiting astronomers, by telescope and in chronological order. The complete list, with dates, equipment and programme titles, is available from ESO/Munich.

3.6-m Telescope

April:


May:


June:


July:


August:

Appenzeller, P. and M. P. Veron/Zuiderwijk, Bergvall, West/Kurtandinze, Gaida, Bergeron/Kunth, Chevalier/Motch/Ilovasky/Hurley/Niel/Vedrenne.

September:

Tammann/Lautaran, Ardeberg/Lindgren/Lyngå, Chevalier/Motch/Ilovasky/Hurley/Niel/Vedrenne, Tarenghi/Crane/Ellis/Kibblewhite/Peterson/Malin, Ardeberg/Lindgren/Lyngå, Crane/Tarenghi/Materne/Chincarini, Ulrich, de Loore/Burger/van Dessel.

1.52-m Spectrographic Telescope

April:


May:


June:

Andersen, Nordström/Andersen, Ahlin/Sundman, Rahe/Drechsel, Ardeberg/Maurice, Barwig/Schoebs, Tarenghi, Ardeberg/Maurice, Ahlin/Sundman, Epchtein/Lecacheux/Vappiion/Combes/Encrenaz, Bouchet, Arpinx.

July:


August:

Ott/Rindermann, Bergvall, Appenzeller, M. P. Veron, Danks/Gilra/Pottasch, Ardeberg/Gustafsson, Ahlin/Sundman, Häfner, Danks/Dennewald, Thé/van der Hucht.
One of the Founders of ESO Receives ADION Medal for 1978

The Association for International Development of the Nice Observatory (ADION) awards each year a medal honouring a French or foreign scientist known for the importance of his contribution to the development of astronomy and astrophysics and to the establishment of international cooperation in this science. The medal for 1978 has been awarded to Professor Jan H. Oort who played a major part in the creation of the European Southern Observatory.

Professor Jan H. Oort was born on April 28, 1900 in Franeker in the Netherlands. He was educated at the University of Groningen and, after a two-year stay in the USA, he settled down in Leiden for the rest of his career. In 1945 he was nominated Professor and appointed Director of the Leiden Observatory. It can be said of Professor Oort that he is one of the founders of galactic astronomy: he had important Official functions in the International Astronomical Union as a General Secretary from 1938 to 1948 and as President from 1959 to 1961. He also played a major part in the creation of the European Southern Observatory.


Fifth European Regional Meeting

The Fifth European Regional Meeting, cosponsored by IAU and EPS, on ‘Variability in Stars and Galaxies’ will take place in Liège from 28 July till 1 August. Four general lectures have been planned (J. O. Stenflo: Solar Variability; C. Hazard: Variability in Galactic Nuclei and Quasars; J. van Paradijs: X-ray Bursters; I. Shklovsky: SS 433). In addition, about 25 invited papers will be given in the area of Sun, variable stars, active nuclei and quasars, variable galactic X-ray sources and related objects, interstellar medium and star formation, supernovae and remnants, early universe.

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