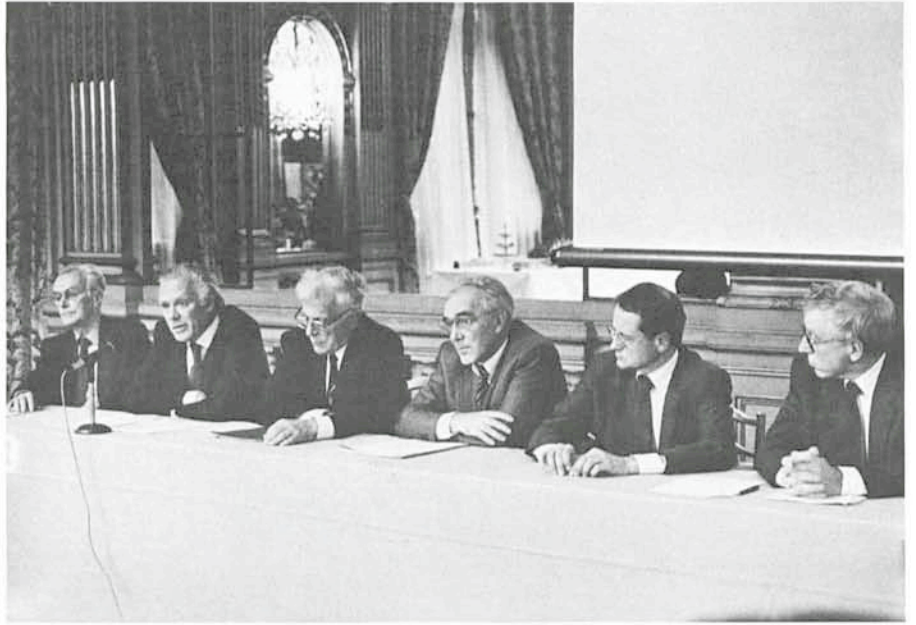


Where ESO was Born . . .

On October 5, 1987, a brief ceremony was held at the Centre de Conférences Internationales in Paris. Members of the ESO Council and some invited guests commemorated the signing of the ESO Convention which took place in the same room exactly 25 years earlier.

The first speech was delivered by Prof. J.F. Denisse, former President of the ESO Council and a Member of the Académie des Sciences, who recalled early ESO history and the development during the past 25 years. He was followed by M. J. Laureau, Directeur de la Coopération Scientifique, Technique et du Développement (Ministère des Affaires Etrangères), who spoke on behalf of M. J.-P. Angremy, Directeur Général des Relations Culturelles Scientifiques et Techniques. The President of the ESO Council, Prof. K. Hunger, and the Director General of ESO, Prof. L. Woltjer, surveyed ESO's position in European astronomy and plans for the future. M. André Berroir, Directeur de l'Institut National des Sciences de l'Univers (Centre National de la Re-



cherche Scientifique), spoke for M.S. Feneuille, Directeur Général du CNRS, and was followed by M. Claude Frejacques, from the Académie des Scien-

ces, Conseiller spécial du Ministre de la Recherche et de l'Enseignement Supérieur, M.J. Valade, speaking on his behalf.

