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**STAFF MOVEMENTS**

**Professor J.H. Oort at 90**

Jan Hendrik Oort, one of the founding fathers of ESO, celebrated his 90th birthday on April 28, 1990. He was the President of the ESO Council from 1964 to 1965 and some of his many services to ESO and the world-wide astronomical community have been outlined in the articles by Adriaan Blaauw in the recent *Messenger* issues. Professor Oort continues to take an interest in ESO affairs and was delighted to see the first results from the New Technology Telescope.

The photo shows Professor Oort flanked by Professors Blaauw (right) and Woltjer (left) and Professor van der Laan at the reception held in Leiden in honour of the famous Dutch astronomer on this festive occasion (Photo: Loek Zuyderduin).