

Just two days later, another ESO exhibition was opened in Porto by the Portuguese Secretary of State for Science and Technology, Professor José Pedro Sucena Paiva, in the old market hall, newly transformed into a splendid frame for exhibitions. The arrangements were perfect, due to the excellent preparations by Professor Teresa Lago of the Porto Astrophysical Centre and her corps of dedicated astronomy students, headed by Natércia Lima, who all put in a lot of work. It was visited by nearly 15,000 persons during less than four weeks, including many school classes from Porto and the surrounding country.

In the beginning of November, the exhibition moved on to the capital, Lisbon, where it will be on display until mid-December, at the Science Museum. The local arrangements were handled by Professor F. Duarte Santos and the opening on November 7 was attended by more than 100 persons, including many representatives of the media. The event



Figure 1: A view of the ESO Exhibition at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

was widely reported in the press and on TV with favourable comments about the

new association between ESO and Portugal.



Figure 2: The Portuguese Secretary of State for Science and Technology inspects a model of an 8-metre VLT mirror at the ESO exhibition in Porto.

## IAU Executive Committee Visits ESO

At the invitation of Professor Harry van der Laan, Director General of ESO, the IAU Executive Committee visited ESO on September 7, 1990.

The Executive Committee, headed by the IAU President, Professor Yoshihide Kozai, held its annual meeting at ESO's neighbour institute, the Max-Planck In-

stitute for Astrophysics, whose director, Professor Rudolf Kippenhahn, is also Vice-President of the IAU. After a hard day's work, the EC members and the IAU Secretaries walked over to ESO and were shown around the various facilities, including the Image Processing Centre and the Remote Control Centre.

At a subsequent buffet dinner in the new Council room, the EC members had the opportunity to meet with ESO scientists and visitors, and there was plenty of time for renewal of personal links and exchange of new astronomical information.

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