were built up again around the year 1970 that came useful at later dates. The bottom part of Figure B shows how these reserves (called Available Funds in the external auditors’ reports) developed in the course of time. Naturally, it was tempting for the financing authorities to use these reserves for reducing next years’ contributions. Moreover, for an organization like ESO to put considerable funds on a profitable savings account meets little sympathy on the side of the funding agencies. Luckily, ESO Council and Finance Committee were tolerant in this matter.

The Years 1971–76; The TP Division

The early 1970’s saw the creation of the TP Division for the realization of the 3.6-m Telescope, and one of its first tasks was reliable budget planning. As a consequence, the required annual contributions rose steeply to a level that in the years 1974 and 1975 amounted to more than twice that around the year 1970. The documentation mentioned before allows singling out the financing of the TP Division from the remaining expenses. This leads to the presentation in Figure B. The dashed red contours outline the share of the Division and illustrate that it was responsible for the rapid increase of income and expenses in the early 1970’s. Roughly speaking, TP Division expenses through 1976 concerned the 3.6-m Telescope with its building and dome, whereas in subsequent years emphasis shifted to auxiliary instrumentation as part of the regular running costs, and hence annual contributions and expenses then levelled off. Over the period 1971 to 1976 (the year of completion of the 3.6-m Telescope), the integrated expenditure of the TP Division amounted to DM 74 million. We saw that Ramberg’s estimate of the year 1968 amounted to DM 39 million; adjusting this to 1975 for inflation would give about DM 52 million; contributions, also in dm, and to be read along the right-hand scale. We infer that by the time the 3.6-m Telescope became operational, ESO had spent altogether about 400 million dm. Of these, the expenditure by the TP Division had been about 113 million dm, i.e. about 28%. A somewhat larger amount, about 150 million dm, 38%, had been spent up to 1970 when ESO’s first phase had been concluded with the dedications on La Silla. 34%, or about one third, had been spent after 1969 on the operations and new construction programmes in Chile and on the services (including that for the Visiting Astronomers) at the (provisional) Headquarters in Hamburg-Bergedorf.

References and Notes

Abbreviations used:
EHA = ESO Historical Archives.
FHA = Files Head of Administration at ESO.
EHPA = ESO Historical Photographs Archives.

[5] This proposal served for discussion in closed session at the 2nd meeting of the SPC and is not in the FHA. Its contents is reported in the minutes of this meeting, Doc. SPC-2 in FHA.
[7] Minutes of this meeting with attached report of Chairman SPC to C. of Cou., Doc. Cou-121rev. in FHA.
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[34] EHA-I.A.1.5. and I.B.3.
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