This ESO Workshop will serve to bring together European astronomers who have obtained observational data before, during and after the collision of comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 with Jupiter. Only by combining these data will it be possible to arrive at a good understanding of the complex phenomena and the meeting will thus contribute to the ongoing interpretative efforts. It will further the preparation of joint papers to be delivered at the major IAU Colloquium 158 on the same subject three months later (May 9–12, 1995; Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.) and also provide a useful forum for those European observers who are unable to come to Baltimore. The participation of Central and East European astronomers in the ESO Workshop will be supported by the ESO C&EE Programme. Some key people from outside Europe will provide additional input from other sides.

The meeting will be held in the ESO Auditorium and in view of its limited capacity (approx. 125), participation in this Workshop may have to be restricted.

The deadline for submission of abstracts to contributed talks and posters is January 15, 1995.

Please note that there will be a conference fee of 80 DM; this includes a copy of the Proceedings, to be available on May 1, 1995.

**TOPICS**

I. The comet before impact
II. The impacts
III. Long-term effects
IV. Summary

**PRELIMINARY LIST OF SPEAKERS**


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**TIMETABLE**

Jan. 15, 1995: Deadline for submission of abstracts of contributed talks and posters to Conference Secretariat
Jan. 20, 1995: ESO C&EE Committee allocates support for participation in Workshop; grantees are informed
Jan. 20, 1995: Final Programme available. Participants will be informed about their proposed presentations
Feb. 27, 1995: Deadline for submission of manuscripts
May 1, 1995: Publication of Proceedings

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ESO/MPA Workshop on Spiral Galaxies in the Near-IR
Garching, 7–9 June 1995

The Workshop will bring theorists and observers together to discuss what can be learned about the dynamics, populations and nuclei of spiral galaxies from the newly available array data in the near-infrared. Topics to be covered include:

- Resolved Populations
- Global Colours
- Structure of Disks and Bars
- Milky Way Structure
- Nuclei of Spirals
- Spectroscopic Population Constraints


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- VLT and VLTI Instruments
- Current and Future Major Observatories
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Registration deadline: March 3, 1995
Registration fee: DM 80.00 payable at the workshop. The fee includes a free copy of the Proceedings published by ESO.

The Role of Dust in the Formation of Stars
ESO, Garching, September 11–14, 1995

To keep the VLT observatory and its scientific instrumentation in phase with the evolution of astronomical research, ESO is organizing selected workshops dedicated to specialized fields of current research. The objective of this workshop is to have an exchange between observers, experimentalists and theoreticians. The discussion shall encompass the status of observations and observational techniques, laboratory experiments and theoretical research with emphasis on what observations are needed for the future to test predictions and to constrain models.

Among topics to be covered are:

- A short presentation of the VLT project
- Present observations of YSO
- Properties of dust around YSO
- Processing of dust in YSO
- Models (e.g. synthetic spectra or evolutionary scenarios)
- Dust as a catalytic agent for star formation

Scientific organization: Rolf Chini and Endrik Krügel (MPIfR, Bonn), Thomas Henning (MPG-Dust and Star Formation, Jena), John Mathis (Univ. Wisconsin, Madison), Antonella Natta (Oss. Astronomico Arcetri), Jean-Loup Puget (IAS, Orsay), Alexander Tielens (NASA Ames, Moffet Field), Nikolai Voshchinov (Astronomical Institute, St. Petersburg)

The workshop will be organized locally by: Hans Ulrich Käufl (ESO, Garching) and Ralf Siebenmorgen (ESA/ESTEC, Nordwijk)

Pre-registration by: December 31, 1994

All information about this workshop is available via www.http://http.hq.eso.org/calconf.html or using the finger command finger dust@http.hq.eso.org

ESO/ST-ECF Workshop
Calibrating and Understanding HST and ESO Instruments
ESO, Garching, April 26–28, 1995

Space and Ground-based Observatories have followed different approaches to the problem of monitoring, calibrating and understanding their Scientific Instruments. However, with the increasing complexity of the new Ground-based Instrumentation, this cultural and operational gap is gradually disappearing. This Workshop, starting from a review of the level and effectiveness of the calibration procedures which are currently adopted by the refurbished HST and by the ESO main Instruments, is aimed at highlighting the remaining differences and will provide guidelines for the development of operational procedures and software tools to be used in the VLT era. The core programme will include invited reviews followed by round-table discussions; a limited number of contributed papers/posters will also be selected.

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