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THE MAUNA KEA SUMMIT



Some of the unusual observers pause in front of the control desk of the Telescope between observations. From the left are J.L. Locke (Director, Herzberg Institute), L. Kerwin (President, NRC), C. Fréjacques (President, CNRS) and B. Gingras (Vice-President, NRC).

The night of 7 April 1983 the CFH Telescope was used jointly by Claude Fréjacques, President of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique of France, and by Larkin Kerwin, President of the National Research Council of Canada. The two distinguished observers journeyed respectively from Paris and from Ottawa in order to visit, together, the observatory on Mauna Kea, now well-established in its productive phase, and the new base facilities in Waimea, into which the staff had moved just a few months earlier. There they were joined the next day by Robert Fujimoto, Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii and by Fujio Matsuda, the University's President. This was the first meeting in Hawaii of the heads of the agencies who founded the CFHT Corporation 9 years ago.

The event was commemorated through the collaborative planting of three large jacaranda trees by the eminent visitors in front of the main entrance of the new building. During the dinner for some one hundred guests which followed in the headquarters' courtyard, and in later expressions of appreciation, the presidents stressed warmly their perception, in Dr. Kerwin's words, of "an enthusiastic and productive scientific community". The summit meeting thus has served not only to celebrate a successful international collaboration, but also, most importantly, to convey to the highest authorities in the respective national agencies, a firsthand knowledge of the material and human environment in which the daily work of the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope is accomplished.