

News from the Roque

The Roque de Los Muchachos gets its name from the rock formation on the peak which appears from a distance to look like a crowd of lads. Now it seems that the crowd is growing with the new 'muchachos' like GRANTECAN, MAGIC and the Liverpool Telescope.

GRANTECAN is currently in the process of constructing the dome as illustrated in the accompanying pictures. First light is expected in early 2003.

The largest Cherenkov telescope in the world, MAGIC, is beginning to take shape with the preparation of the foundations close to the Residencia. Finally foundation laying is also taking place for the robotic 2-m Liverpool Telescope next to the other newcomer Mercator. □



The pictures above show different views of GRANTECAN taken from east (top left), north (top right) and south (bottom left). The picture bottom right is taken from the JKT looking towards GRANTECAN with the WHT in the foreground.



MAGIC foundations close to the former HEGRA site with the Residencia in the background.



This picture shows the position of the Liverpool Telescope to the left of Mercator. The INT is off the picture to the right.

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The pictures below were recently obtained from the ING Archive or donated by various observers and are all available at our Public Information web pages. The final preparation of these true-colour images was performed as usual by Nik Szymanek. We thank him for his continuous support.

