



# A LIGHT FOR SCIENCE

## ESRF UPGRADE PROGRAMME UNDERWAY

January 2009 marks the launch of the ESRF Upgrade Programme, for which the budget of the ESRF was increased by 10%, with a further increase scheduled for 2010. Among the important features of the Upgrade are eight new world-class beamlines to enter into operation between 2011 and 2015.

### MOVING IN A CIRCLE

Where is the ideal location for the eight new ESRF Upgrade Beamlines? This question was the starting point for an extensive exercise to draw a new floorplan for the experimental hall and satellite buildings. Generating thematic beamline clusters, maximising use of the planned hall extensions whilst eliminating the need



Artist's impression of the ESRF with the extensions of the Upgrade Programme. Credits: ESRF/Sud Architectes.

for moving beamlines which are not being refurbished: what looked like an impossible task at the beginning was accomplished by the end of 2008 with the endorsement of the plan by the Science Advisory Committee.

### NEW FACES IN THE ESRF MANAGEMENT

After eight years directing the ESRF, Bill Stirling has handed over as Director General to Francesco Sette. An Italian with a Ph.D. from the University of Rome, Sette spent eight years at Bell Labs (United States) before joining the ESRF in 1992, where he was appointed as one of two Directors of Research in 2001. Sette is succeeded in this position by Harald Reichert, who



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is moving to Grenoble from the Max-Planck-Institute for metal research in Stuttgart (Germany). Reichert is no stranger to the ESRF, where he has been a very active user for many years and a major contributor to instrumentation development.

### NEW DIVISION

The year 2009 will also see an internal reorganization of the ESRF, resulting

in the creation of an Instrumentation Service and Development Division. One of the important missions of this new division is to implement the Upgrade Programme without disrupting the User Programme on 31 beamlines in operation.

### GOODBYE ESRF NEWSLETTER, WELCOME ESRFNEWS

After 21 years, the ESRF Newsletter has become ESRFNEWS, published as of now four times a year. With a fresh new layout and each issue focusing on a theme, the European light source magazine will also feature news from other laboratories along with a career section and job advertisements.



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