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The European Planetary Science Congress (EPSC) 2014 will take place from Sunday 07 to Friday 12 September 2014, at the Centro de Congressos do Estoril, Cascais, Portugal.

EPSC is the major European meeting on planetary science and in 2014, the programme will include more than 50 sessions and workshops, with more than 800 scheduled abstracts for oral presentations and posters sessions. Last year's conference, held in London, attracted almost 1000 scientists participating from Europe and around the world.

Highlights of the meeting will include the first results of the European Space Agency's Rosetta mission obtained at comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, which will be presented in a special session on Monday 08 September and in other sessions during the week. The scientific programme will cover the entire spectrum of planetary science, including 10 years of exploration with Cassini-Huygens, commercial exploration of asteroids and comets, the search for exoplanets and the emergence of life in the Universe.

On Tuesday 09 September, there will be a 'Town Hall' meeting to discuss how places on Earth that are analogues for other planets and moons can be used as a laboratory for planetary research and to support future missions.

Co-located with EPSC2014, Cascais will also host the 'Astronomy Alliance Education Meeting 2014: High Engagement and Deep Learning of Math, Science and Technology through Astronomy Education' by Global Hands-on Universe:

<http://handsonuniverse.org/astroeducation/>.

To complement the scientific programme, there will be some related public events held across the city, with the support of the Municipality of Cascais.

Details of the Congress and a full schedule of EPSC 2014 scientific sessions and events can be found at the official website:

<http://www.epsc2014.eu/>

Further information will be circulated a few weeks before the meeting, including press notices on presentations that may be of special interest (subject to embargo) and details for the press.

EPSC has a distinctively interactive style, with a mix of talks, workshops and posters, intended to provide a stimulating environment for discussion.

EPSC 2014 is organised by **Europlanet**, and **Copernicus Meetings**.

MEDIA REGISTRATION

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend.

Press room facilities will be available for the duration of the conference from 9 am on Monday 8 September through to 3 pm on Friday 12 September

Media registration is free. Any bona fide media delegates can pre-register by e-mailing Livia.giacomini@iaps.inaf.it

(Advance registration is not essential but encouraged).

FURTHER INFORMATION EUROPLANET

Since 2005, the Europlanet project has provided European's planetary science community with a platform to exchange ideas and personnel, share research tools, data and facilities, define key science goals for the future and engage stakeholders, policy makers and European Citizens with planetary science.

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