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EUROPEAN PLANETARY SCIENCE CONGRESS 2014
MEDIA REMINDER

The European Planetary Science Congress (EPSC) 2014 begins next week: about 800 scientists from all over the world will meet at Cascais, Portugal, at the "Centro de Congressos do Estoril", from Sunday 07 to Friday 12 September 2014. EPSC is the major European meeting on planetary science with 52 sessions and workshops and about 800 abstracts for oral presentations and posters submitted. The 2014 programme will cover the full spectrum of research concerning our own Solar System and those orbiting other stars, including the latest results of the European Space Agency's Rosetta mission.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MEDIA

- Rosetta (special Session) SB0

Mon, 08 Sep, 11:00–12:30 / 14:00–15:30 / Room Jupiter

A special session with invited talks devoted to presenting the first (and latest) results of the Rosetta mission obtained at the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, after its rendez-vous on the 6th of August.

- Celebrating 10 years of exploration with Cassini-Huygens GP3

Tue, 09 Sep, 09:00–12:30 / 14:00–17:30 / Room Jupiter

Wed, 10 Sep, 09:00–12:30 / 14:00–15:50 / Room Saturn

A session to highlight the major discoveries of Cassini-Huygens in its 10 years of exploration of the Saturn System through a series of invited overview talks.

- Town Hall Meeting on Planetary Analogues TM1

Tue, 09 Sep, 09:00–12:30 / Room Mars

An open, Town Hall type meeting about Mars and, more in general, planetary terrestrial analogues organized by the International Space Exploration Coordination Group (ISECG), a committee of space agencies to coordinate planetary exploration.

Many sessions will be of sure interest to the media. Among others: highlights on future planetary missions and instruments (MTI1, Mon. 08 and Tue. 09), the latest studies on Mars (TP4.1, Wed. 10 and Thu. 11) and Venus (TP3, Thu. 11 and Fri. 12), lunar science and exploration (TP5, Thu. 11 and Fri. 12), theoretical and laboratory results in asteroids' science (SB1, Thu. 11) and for Dawn and Vesta, the two targets of Dawn mission (SB4, Wed. 10), the search of planetary habitability in the Solar System and beyond (AB2, Fri. 12),

the revolution made by Gaia telescope in the field of asteroids' science (SB2, Fri. 12), commercial exploration of asteroids and comets (SB11/MTI9, Fri. 12).

Full details of EPSC 2014 can be found at the meeting website: <http://www.epsc2014.eu/>

Press releases on presentations of special interest to the media will be circulated during the meeting (these may be subject to embargo) and will be posted at www.europlanet-eu.org/epsc2014

ASTRONOMY EDUCATION ALLIANCE MEETING 2014

Co-located with EPSC2014, Cascais will also host the **Astronomy Education Alliance Meeting 2014: High Engagement and Deep Learning of Math, Science and Technology through Astronomy Education** by Global Hands-on Universe (<http://handsonuniverse.org/astroeducation/>). The Meeting is sponsored by the municipality of Cascais.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC

To complement the programme of EPSC2014 and the Astronomy Education Alliance Meeting, some activities for the public are being organized:

9th of September (21:00 - 22:00) "Rosetta - Europe's comet chaser", a free public talk by Matt Taylor (ESA, Rosetta Project Scientist), moderated by Pedro Russo (Astronomer, University of Leiden) at the Pavilion of Knowledge - Ciência Viva in Lisbon (<http://www.pavconhecimento.pt>);

13th of September 2014 (21:00 - 22:30) a public lecture with Babak Tafeshi (Astrophotographer, National Geographic Internacional and The World at Night) followed by public night sky observation with telescope;

14th of September (10:00-11:30) a public workshop moderated by Pedro Russo, with Babak Tafeshi and Sævar Helgi Bragason (astronomer, voted "Most Promising Young 2014" in Iceland).

The two events are part of "**Cosmic Light**", an open workshop about the International Year of Light 2015 that will take place at the Museum of Light (<http://www.museudaluz.org.pt/101000/2/index.htm>), with the organization of the University of Leiden (Netherlands), the Universe Awareness and The World at Night. The Museum of Light is located in the beautiful region of Alentejo, a 2.5-hour drive from Cascais/Lisbon, and is partner of the Dark Skies Alqueva project (<http://www.darkskeyalqueva.com/eng/>).

MEDIA REGISTRATION

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend EPSC. Media registration* is free. Press room facilities will be available for the duration of the conference from 9 am on Mon. 8 through to 3 pm on Fri. 12

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

EPSC is on **Twitter @EPSC_2014**

** Advance registration is not essential but encouraged*

FURTHER INFORMATION EUROPLANET

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