



**EUROPLANET PRESS NOTICE
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(EPSC) 2012**

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EUROPEAN PLANETARY SCIENCE CONGRESS 2012
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The European Planetary Science Congress (EPSC) 2012 will take place at the IFEMA-Feria de Madrid, Spain, from Sunday 23 September to Friday 28 September 2012.

The EPSC is the major European meeting on planetary science and attracts scientists from Europe and around the World. The 2012 programme includes more than 50 sessions and workshops. Presentations will include new results from Mars Science Laboratory, Dawn and MESSENGER mission, science from the 2012 transit of Venus, as well as results from field campaigns to Mars analogues in Antarctica, Spain, the USA and Portugal. More than 900 abstracts for oral presentations and posters have been submitted.

Details of the Congress and a full schedule of EPSC 2012 scientific sessions and events can be found at the official website: <http://www.epsc2012.eu/>

An overview of the sessions can be found at: http://www.europlanet-eu.org/outreach/images/stories/Uploaded/epsc2012_programme.pdf

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).

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

EPSC 2012 is organised by Europlanet, a Research Infrastructure funded under the European Commission's Framework 7 Programme, in association with the European Geosciences Union, with the support of the Centro de Astrobiología of Spain's Instituto Nacional de Técnica Aeroespacial (CAB-INTA).

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 24 September through to 3 pm on Friday 28 September. Media registration is free. Any bona fide media delegates can pre-register by e-mailing anita.heward@europlanet-eu.org. (Advance registration is not essential but encouraged).

FURTHER INFORMATION

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The Europlanet Research Infrastructure is a major (€6 million) programme co-funded by the European Union under the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Commission.

The Europlanet Research Infrastructure brings together the European planetary science community through a range of Networking Activities, aimed at fostering a culture of cooperation in the field of planetary sciences, Transnational Access Activities, providing European researchers with access to a range of laboratory and field site facilities tailored to the needs of planetary research, as well as on-line access to the available planetary science data, information and software tools, through the Integrated and Distributed Information Service. These programmes are underpinned by Joint Research Activities, which are developing and improving the facilities, models, software tools and services offered by Europlanet

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