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(EPSC) 2013**

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EUROPEAN PLANETARY SCIENCE CONGRESS 2013

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1ST MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

The European Planetary Science Congress (EPSC) 2013 will take place at University College London (UCL) from Sunday 8 September to Friday 13 September 2013.

EPSC is the major European meeting on planetary science and is expected to attract more than 800 scientists from Europe and around the world. The 2013 programme will include around 75 sessions and workshops. More than 1100 abstracts for oral presentations and posters have been submitted. Topics discussed at the meeting will cover the spectrum of planetary science, including comets on the eve of the Rosetta mission, the exceptional fireball over Chelyabinsk region, direct imaging of exoplanets, and how planetary science will be affected by NewSpace entrepreneurs. For the first time, EPSC will include an industry-themed day on Wednesday 11 September; speakers will include Alvaro Giménez, Director of Science and Robotic Exploration at the European Space Agency.

Details of the Congress and a full schedule of EPSC 2013 scientific sessions and events can be found at the official website: <http://www.epsc2013.eu/>

An overview of the sessions can be found at:

http://www.europlanet-eu.org/images/stories/ep/EPSC/epsc2013/epsc_2013_sessions.pdf

To complement the scientific programme, there will be a festival of planetary-related public events held across London, organised by partner institutions including UCL, the Bloomsbury Theatre, the British Interplanetary Society, the Baker Street Irregular Astronomers, the Royal Observatory Greenwich, the Natural History Museum and Royal Astronomical Society. Events will include a special film showing of the Day the Earth Caught Fire, an exhibition and art installations at UCL, an observing night in Regent's Park and a 'Science Show-off' variety event at the Bloomsbury Theatre. Details can be found at: <http://www.europlanet-eu.org/epsc2013>

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 of press conferences.

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

EPSC 2013 is organised by Europlanet, UCL and Copernicus Meetings. The event is sponsored by the UK Space Agency, UCL, Astrium and the Science and Technology Facilities Council.

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 13 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

EUROPLANET

Since 2005, the Europlanet project has provided Europe'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.



Europlanet is a member organisation, building on a €2 million Framework 6 Coordination Action and €6 million Framework 7 Research Infrastructure funded by the European Commission.

Europlanet Project website: www.europlanet-ri.eu

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About UCL (University College London)

Founded in 1826, UCL was the first English university established after Oxford and Cambridge, the first to admit students regardless of race, class, religion or gender and the first to provide systematic teaching of law, architecture and medicine.

UCL is among the world's top universities, as reflected by its performance in a range of international rankings and tables. According to the Thomson Scientific Citation Index, UCL is the second most highly cited European university and the 15th most highly cited in the world.

UCL has nearly 27,000 students from 150 countries and more than 9,000 employees, of whom one third are from outside the UK. The university is based in Bloomsbury in the heart of London, but also has two international campuses – UCL Australia and UCL Qatar. Our annual income is more than £800 million.

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