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EUROPEAN PLANETARY SCIENCE CONGRESS 2018, TU BERLIN, 16-21 SEPTEMBER
1st MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

The European Planetary Science Congress (EPSC) 2018 (www.epsc2018.eu) will take place at the Technische Universität (TU) Berlin, from Sunday 16 to Friday 21 September 2018. More than 1250 abstracts have been submitted and over 1000 planetary scientists from Europe and around the world are expected to attend the meeting, making it the largest stand-alone EPSC to date.

EPSC is the major European annual meeting on planetary science and the programme for 2018 covers the full spectrum of planetary science and technology across 59 sessions, including: First Results from ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter; Science and Innovation for the Moon Village and Beyond; Ocean worlds and Icy moons; Sample Return Missions; Exoplanets and Astrobiology. A full programme of scientific sessions can be found here:

<http://www.europlanet-eu.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/EPSC2018-session-overview-final.pdf>

Press notices on presentations that may be of special interest to the media will be circulated during the meeting. Details of press briefings and webcast access will be circulated closer to the time. The meeting hashtag is #EPSC2018.

Details of the Congress and a full schedule of EPSC 2018 scientific sessions and events can be found at the official website: <http://www.epsc2018.eu>

The Local Organising Committee for EPSC 2018 has organised a tour of Archenhold Observatory, the oldest and largest public observatory in Germany, on Friday 21 September at 17:00:

https://www.epsc2018.eu/guided_observatory_tour.html

In addition to EPSC, two planetary-related meetings will also take place in Berlin in September:

- The 4th International Workshop on Instrumentation for Planetary Missions (IPM) will take place at TU Berlin from 12-14 September: <https://ipm2018.org/>
- The European Astrobiology Network Association (EANA) 2018 meeting will take place at the Free University Berlin from 24-28 September:
- <http://www.eana-net.eu/index.php?page=Conferences/EANA2018>

EPSC 2018 is the annual meeting of [Europlanet](http://www.europlanet-eu.org) and is organised by Copernicus Meetings.

MEDIA REGISTRATION

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend EPSC 2018. Press room facilities will be available for the duration of the conference from 9 am on Monday 17 September through to 3 pm on Friday 21 September. Media registration is free. Any bona fide media delegates can pre-register by e-mailing anita.heward@europlanet-eu.org or livia.giacomini@europlanet-eu.org (advance registration is not essential but encouraged).

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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. Europlanet is the parent organisation of the European Planetary Science Congress (EPSC), and the EPSC Executive Committee is drawn from its membership.

The Europlanet 2020 Research Infrastructure (RI) is a €9.95 million project to address key scientific and technological challenges facing modern planetary science by providing open access to state-of-the-art data, models and facilities across the European Research Area. The project was launched on 1st September 2015 and has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 654208. Europlanet 2020 RI is led by the Open University, UK, and has 33 beneficiary institutions from 19 European countries.

Project website: www.europlanet-2020-ri.eu

Outreach website: www.europlanet-eu.org

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