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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ICARUS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF POSITION

The DPS Committee, its publications subcommittee and representatives of Elsevier, publisher of Icarus, are accepting applications [1] for the position of Icarus Editor-in-Chief. The application, consisting of a cover letter with a 5-year vision statement and skills and experience brought to the position, Curriculum Vita and publications list, should be submitted here [1].

Application deadline is October 8, 2017.

Questions, contact Lucy McFadden [3] or Kate Hibbert [4].

Please distribute this announcement widely among our colleagues.

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UPCOMING DEADLINE FOR DPS49 DEPENDENT CARE GRANTS

The DPS Susan Niebur Professional Development Fund provides financial assistance to qualifying members in order to facilitate their meeting attendance by offsetting costs for dependent care at the meeting location or at home during the DPS49 meeting. Dependent Care Grant applications [5] are due 15 September.

WEBEX INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING OPAG SUMMER 2017 MEETING

Wednesday, September 6, 2017
Recurrence: Every day, from Wednesday, September 6, 2017, to Thursday, September 7, 2017
Meeting Link: https://nasa.webex.com/nasa/j.php?MTID=m06f9fc6d92cb1b1bc61f668d94a5ecb3 [6]
Meeting number: 398 419 323
Meeting password: W@lc0m31
Audio connection:
Country (USA)
Toll Number: 1-312-470-7337
Toll Free Number: 1-888-994-8792
Participant Passcode: 5637426

LSST AND THE SOLAR SYSTEM WORKSHOP AT DPS49

Thursday October 19 2017, 4:30-6:30 pm - Open to all DPS attendees
Location: Cascade E (Utah Valley Convention Center)
Organizers: Meg Schwamb (Gemini) & David Trilling (NAU)
Over its 10 year lifespan, the Large Synoptic Sky Survey Telescope (LSST) will catalog over 5 million Main Belt asteroids, almost 300,000 Jupiter Trojans, over 100,000 NEOs, and over 40,000 KBOs. Many of these objects will receive hundreds of observations in multiple bandpasses. The LSST Solar System Science
Collaboration (SSSC) is preparing methods and tools to analyze this data, as well as understand optimum survey strategies for discovering moving objects throughout the Solar System.

This workshop serves as the annual meeting of the LSST SSSC, and is open to all DPS attendees. We will provide a brief status of LSST with respect to Solar System science and provide updates on current and future activities within the SSSC. The focus will not be on general LSST background but on details relevant to Solar System science topics. There will be time set aside for open discussion for both members of the SSSC and the broader planetary community.

Contact Meg Schwamb (mschwamb.astro@gmail.com [7]) and David Trilling (David.Trilling@nau.edu [8]) with any questions.

JOBS, POSITIONS, OPPORTUNITIES

A) TWO POSTDOCTORAL POSITIONS IN MARS SCIENCE

The Department of Planetology and Habitability at the Centro de Astrobiologia (CAB) invites applications for two postdoctoral positions to support investigations on the nature of the early Mars environments. The successful candidate will work with Dr. Alberto Fairen in the ERC-funded Project “icyMARS”.

Applicants should have a recent Ph.D. in the field of Planetary Science or related discipline, and background in sedimentology of ice-covered lakes, or in biology of psychrophilic microorganisms.

The positions, placed in Madrid, would be for one year, with possible extension to a second year contingent upon funding availability and satisfactory performance. Benefits include working in a young enthusiastic team at one of the leading Planetary Sciences institutions in Europe, full social benefits according to the Spanish social care system, and a very competitive salary.

Applicants should send a letter of interest, a curriculum with a list of publications, a brief (maximum two pages) statement of research interests, and a list of three references, no later than September 10, 2017, to Alberto Fairen (agfairen@cab.inta-csic.es [9]).

The starting date is negotiable, but should be no later than Jan 1, 2018.
B) SIX POSTDOC POSITIONS IN ORIGINS OF LIFE RESEARCH

The Origins Center is a recent, multidisciplinary and multi-institute, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research NWO funded initiative of a large number of top tier scientists in the Netherlands. Over 17 Dutch universities and research institutes participate in the Center that is coordinated by the University of Groningen, the Netherlands.

Within the Center we are now recruiting postdoctoral research fellows for five three-year pathfinder projects that together should lay the groundwork for a future, far larger research programme which aims at game-changing understanding of the origin of life and of life-bearing planets, predicting evolution, building and steering life from molecule to biosphere, finding extra-terrestrial life and of the mathematical concepts needed for bridging large spatial, temporal and organisatorial scale differences:

http://www.origins-center.nl/vacancies [10]

Fellowships are available within each of the following five projects:

Developing, testing and operating the Origins Simulator
Identifying factors enabling predictability of evolution
Building and directing life
Modelling planet earth as an exoplanet
Mathematically understanding downward causation

Candidates should have a strong background in astronomy, biophysics, chemistry, microbiology, ecology, evolutionary biology, mathematics, computational science, molecular biosciences or planetary and geosciences, and be able to perform innovative and multidisciplinary research.

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Send submissions to:

Anne Verbiscer, DPS Secretary (dpssec@aas.org [11])

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