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IN MEMORIAM: JOHN GUEST

John Guest (1938-2012) was a pioneer in planetary geologic mapping, contributing to the first geologic map of Mercury, as well as the first comprehensive map of the eastern equatorial region of Mars with Ron Greeley. He participated in the Mariner 10 and Viking missions, as well as the Magellan mission to Venus. Along with Ron, he helped to select the Viking 2 landing site. Primarily though, John was a volcanologist, happiest when he was in the field, especially at Mt. Etna. John did his PhD work at University College London, mapping volcanic fields in Chile, including the Chao Dacite and the Upper Tertiary ignimbrites in Antofagasta Province. He then went to the University of London Observatory to work with Gilbert Fielder on lunar craters, quickly realizing that craters on the Moon are not volcanic, but impact, starting his long interest in planetary science.

He founded the NASA Regional Planetary Image Facility at University College London, and taught many students there, including Rosaly Lopes, Chris Kilburn and Ben Bussey. John founded the European Planetary Geology Consortium in 1976, along with Philippe Masson, Gerhard Neukum, and Marcello Fulchignoni, which sparked many collaborations among its members. John's work on Mars, Mercury, the Moon and Venus, as well as his very extensive work on terrestrial volcanology, leave a rich legacy. He had a particular talent for being able to interpret geology from surface morphology - whether in the field, from aerial photographs or planetary images. He was much loved by his collaborators and students for his kind and generous spirit, and his sense of humor, which included terrifying his students in the field with tales of hairy lava tube rats and deadly snakes camouflaging in ropy lava. He was awarded the GSA G.K. Gilbert award in 1991; that same year the asteroid 1982 HL was named Guest by the International Astronomical Union Nomenclature Committee. He is survived by his wife Mary and sons James and Ben.

Prepared by Ellen Stofan, Angus Duncan, Rosaly Lopes, and Chris Kilburn.

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DPS EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBER

The DPS Education Subcommittee is seeking a member willing to take responsibility for developing and maintaining DPS-hosted webpages on "How to Become A Planetary Scientist" and "Educational Resources for Members". Time commitment is expected to be low as considerable information has already been collected. The DPS/AAS webpage system was recently modernized so no webpage experience is necessary. Graduate student volunteers are welcome with the consent of their advisors.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO ORGANISE EAS COLLOQUIA

In order to promote medium size meetings in astronomy and astrophysics and related areas, the

European Astronomical Society (EAS) launched in 2011 a series of EAS Colloquia (EASColl) to provide a mechanism to exchange ideas and promote cross-fertilisation of ideas between scientists working in Europe.

EASColl are intended to be medium-size meetings of 50 to 80 people dedicated to either established scientific domains or emerging fields of small/growing communities, which can not apply for support to the large EU Networks or qualify as International Astronomical Union Symposia (IAUS). We are pleased to announce the second Call for Proposals to organise EAS Colloquia.

Practical information (including the application form) can be found on the EAS web pages :
<http://eas.unige.ch/meetings.jsp?tab=eascoll> [2]

The deadline for submission is June 25, 2012.

Selection by Council is expected to take place at their Council meeting at the Rome EWASS2012. The funding is allocated for EASColl to be held the next calendar year, i.e., in the course of 2013.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

a) NINTH EUROPEAN SPACE WEATHER WEEK
3rd Announcement and call for papers

The next European Space Weather Week will take place at the Belgian Royal Academy of Sciences in Brussels, Belgium, from 5-9th November 2012.

Conference Website: <http://stce.be/esww9/> [3]

ESWW9 will centre on the following open sessions:

Session 1: European Space Weather Landscape: Current Perspectives and Requirements for the Future
Session 2: Innovations and Key Challenges in Space Weather Science
Session 3a: Solar Variability Effects on Climate
Session 3b: Coupled Space Weather Modelling
Session 4a: Spacecraft Operations and Space Weather
Session 4b: Space Weather in the Solar System
Session 5: COST ES0803 Final Results

Abstract Submission is now open via <http://stce.be/esww9> [4] and will close on 30th June.
Early registration: 5th October

This meeting is supported by the European Space Agency, the Solar Terrestrial Centre of Excellence, the EC COST Office through the COST Action ES0803 and the Belgian Science Policy Office

b) 1970-2010: THE GOLDEN AGE OF SOLAR SYSTEM EXPLORATION
10-13 September 2012, Rome, Italy
The deadline for pre-registration and abstract submission
HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO JUNE 3, 2012.

Registration :
<http://goldenage2012.ifac.cnr.it/index.php/goldenage2012/goldenage2012/s...> [5]

Abstracts :
<http://goldenage2012.ifac.cnr.it/index.php/goldenage2012/goldenage2012/s...> [6]

At the Conference web site
<http://goldenage2012.ifac.cnr.it/index.php/goldenage2012/goldenage2012> [7]
you can now find information on several hotels close to the conference location.

Information at:

goldenage2012@ifac.cnr.it [8]

c) WINTER SCHOOL: "FROM THE FIRST SOLIDS TO THE FIRST PLANETESIMALS"

The French National Program for Planetary Sciences (<http://pnp.projet.latmos.ipsl.fr/> [9]) organizes a winter school: "From the first solids to the first planetesimals", to be held in Les Houches (French Alps, at the foot of Mt. Blanc) from February 10 to 15, 2013. This is the fifth edition of a series of schools on the "Chronology of Solar System formation" that is very popular in the French planetary science community.

All lectures will be in English and the participation is open to the international community.

The registration fees, which include full-board accommodation in double room in the prestigious "Centre de Physique des Houches" are 365 Euros.

The maximum number of participants is fixed to 70. We invite interested people to pre-register before September 20 at:

<http://www.oca.eu/michel/SchoolChronoV/> [10] ChronoV_Register/ChronoV_Register.php

No fees are requested at the time of pre-registration. Please indicate in the box "Message" the subject of your research activity.

If the number of pre-registered participants exceeds 70, the Scientific Committee and invited lecturers will make a selection. Priority will be given to people whose research area is tightly connected with the subject of the school, as well as to students, post-docs and young researchers.

We hope to see you numerous in Les Houches.

The school Scientific Committee:

A. Morbidelli (OCA, Nice), M. Chaussidon (CRPG, Nancy), B. Marty (CRPG, Nancy), P. Michel (OCA, Nice), F. Robert (MNHN, Paris)

d) 11TH EUROPEAN VLBI NETWORK SYMPOSIUM AND EVN USERS MEETING

9-12 October 2012, Bordeaux

<http://evn2012.obs.u-bordeaux1.fr> [11]

The Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Bordeaux (LAB) at the University of Bordeaux (France), on behalf of the European VLBI Consortium, will host the 11th European VLBI Network (EVN) Symposium and EVN Users Meeting on October 9-12, 2012. The Symposium will be held at the "Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Bordeaux", located in the "Palais de la Bourse", in the center of Bordeaux.

The latest scientific results and technical developments from VLBI and e-VLBI will be reported at the conference. Planned sessions will include stars (from birth to death), galaxies, AGN, extreme astrophysics, astrometry and geodesy, planetary and space science, as well as techniques and developments. Presentations addressing synergy between (e-)VLBI and other new or planned radio facilities (e-MERLIN, EVLA, LOFAR, ALMA, MeerKAT, ASKAP, SKA,...) or instruments at other wavelengths (Fermi, Gaia,...) are welcome. The programme will also include an EVN Users Meeting to foster interaction between the EVN users and the EVN organization. All individuals who have an interest in the various research fields of VLBI and related fields are encouraged to attend the symposium and make an oral or poster presentation.

Bordeaux is famous for its wine but also for its rich and varied history...

Registration and abstract submission are open and will close on 10 July 2012.

Contact: loc-vlbi@obs.u-bordeaux1.fr [12]

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