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XVIII International School of Astrobiology «Josep Comas i Solà». Searching for Life on Mars: Techniques and Challenges

June 27 - July 1

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- Hasta el día 3 de mayo

Apertura de matrícula

- Desde el 20 de abril de 2022 (plazas limitadas)

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Monday, June 27

10:00 - 11:30 Welcome lectures

Rosaly M. Lopes

Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA, USA

Víctor Parro

Centro de Astrobiología, CAB (INTA-CSIC), Spain

11:30 - 13:00 Microbial life in extreme environments

Mike Malaska

Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA, USA

15:30 - 17:00 Habitable environments on ancient Mars

Melissa Rice

Western Washington University, USA

Tuesday, June 28

09:00 - 19:00 Field Trip to Zumaia Flysch (whole day)

Wednesday, June 29

10:00 - 11:30 The Martian atmosphere and its importance for habitability

José Antonio Rodríguez Manfredi

Centro de Astrobiología, CAB (INTA-CSIC), Spain

11:30 - 13:00 Biosignatures for alien life

Mike Malaska

15:30 - 17:00 Searching for life on Mars with the Mars2020

Perseverance rover and sample return from Jezero crater

Melissa Rice

19:00 - 20:00 En busca de vida en Marte: nuevas misiones y nuevos retos

José Antonio Rodríguez Manfredi

Carlos Briones

(Open Lecture, in Spanish)

Thursday, June 30

10:00 - 11:30 Biosignatures of the oldest terrestrial microorganisms as analogues for biosignatures of Martian life

Frances Westall

CNRS, France

11:30 - 13:00 Mars Environmental Dynamics Analyzer (MEDA): Perseverance's instrument for characterizing the atmosphere

José Antonio Rodríguez Manfredi

15:30 - 17:00 Searching for life on Mars with the ExoMars mission

Frances Westall

Friday, July 1

10:00 - 11:30 Student presentations

11:30 - 12:00 Synthesis + diplomas

The 2022 Summer School will review and assess the types of techniques that are necessary for detection of biosignatures on Mars, including Raman spectroscopy, the isotopic and chirality analyses that ESA Rosalind Franklin rover will perform, and the advanced techniques needed to analyze samples both in-situ and in Earth-based laboratories. The central question will be "how can we unequivocally detect biosignatures on Mars?" and the discussions will involve in-situ rovers (including NASA Perseverance), sample collecting and return, laboratory analyses on Earth, and the experiments that future human explorers may be able to perform. The lectures will be focused on instrumentation, techniques, and the science they provide. In addition to them, during the week the students will participate in discussions about the theme, prepare and present group projects, and take part in an excursion to a relevant geological site near Santander.

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