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Dear Colleagues,

The Summer School Announcement is ready for dissemination, this year in the format of a website, including online registration. Please go to: <http://www.summerschoolalpbach.at>

We would like you to distribute the information about the Summer School Alpbach 2007 devoted to "Astrobiology: Life detection in and from space" as widely as possible in your country. We are pleased to enclose a Summer School poster.

Please keep in mind that this year the Alpbach Summer School has as its subject the origin, evolution and distribution of life on Earth, and throughout the Universe, in the context of cosmic evolution. The final goal of this discipline is to build the foundations for the construction and testing of meaningful axioms to support a theory of life. To reach this goal, a multidisciplinary approach is required involving astronomy, planetary science, geology, palaeontology, chemistry, biology and others. Consequently, interested students from these fields should be attracted.

Students should submit their applications online - see <http://www.summerschoolalpbach.at> - before March 31, 2007.

The registration fee of € 350,-, which will be collected from the students in Alpbach upon their arrival, will cover working material, free access to copying and computer, e-mail and internet facilities at the School House, coffee breaks and dinner vouchers (including one free drink per evening) for the entire period of the Summer School including the weekend.

Travel and accommodation costs are not included in the registration fee. The cost for bed & breakfast accommodation in Alpbach amount to about € 35,- per person, per night in private houses. A stay of 11 nights is essential for the participants.

All student accommodation will be organised by us for the selected participants. We will contact the students on that from our end. Students will have to pay their lodging expenses in Alpbach upon departure in their private houses.

sincere thanks for your cooperation and looking forward to working with you

best regards,

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