

Dear Friends,

In order to implement a little more information on our website, we would like to ask you if it is possible to get from your group (please coordinate this with the Group leader):

- 1) The exact name of the group and affiliation.
- 2) The list of persons belonging to this group (this can also contain the PhD students)
- 3) A couple of lines on the research done in the frame of astrobiology and habitability (research theme)
- 4) Five representative publication titles and the associated reference, for the group.

This is to be posted on our website

So please send that to our webmaster Robert Laurent

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Thank you very much in advance.

In the mean time, we would like to inform you that we have contacted Philippe Mettens in order to know if it is possible to get support from Belspo in order to finance PhD or postdoc in interdisciplinary approaches of astrobiology. It is indeed very important, if we want to evolve into a IUAP (Inter Universities Attraction Pole), that we publish together on synergetic subjects. We have already asked some support from FRS-FNRS for our Contact Group (so we will be able to meet), but we think that in addition it is necessary to have people really working between the labs.

Philippe Mettens was very positive and he said he will try to get something for us. We will send him some ideas of PhD thesis or postdoc soon.

The Contact Group mentioned above will meet in June. A tentative date is June 15th. It has been proposed to invite Frank Selsis for a talk during that meeting. Please reserve that date already now.

Best regards,

Veronique and Emmanuelle