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Dear Colleagues,
Christian Muller asks me (1) to inform about ASTROMAP (see here below) and (2) to inform
you about the meeting Biogeosciences2013 http://tierra.rediris.es/merge/marte/BioGeoSciences2013_Cuba.pdf in Santa Clara (Cuba) from 4 to 8 November 2013.
I wish you nice summer holidays,
Veronique Dehant

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Dear Colleagues,

The AstroMap project (www.astromap.eu) is a Coordination Action supported by the European Commission FP7 that started in October 2012. This project aims at facilitating information exchange and networking among the scientific community involved in astrobiology and related planetary science as well as to mobilise experts towards the definition of research priorities in astrobiology.

The AstRoMap website is now online and will be regularly updated with information and news, feel free to send us any relevant announcement (event, conference, jobs...), we'll be happy to publish them on the website.

The AstRoMap website hosts two unique features:

- An open database of scientists that will allow to make your detailed research profile and interest available to the community and search for specific skills and competencies
- An online survey (attached to the database) that will allow the project to picture the landscape of European research in astrobiology and related planetary sciences. This mapping exercise will be critical to assess the state and the strengths

of the European research community in these growing fields

Should you be interested in these features, please have a look at them and add www.astroppmap.eu to your bookmarks!

Link to the online database <http://www.astroppmap.eu/register-into-database.html>

Please, feel free to disseminate this link to interested colleagues who might also wish to give their opinion on the astrobiology development in the future European research programmes.

Sincerely,

Christian Muller