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Definition

REDESPA is the Spanish Planetology and Astrobiology Network (Red Española de Planetología y Astrobiología - REDESPA). It was founded and established by Dr. Jesús Martínez-Frías in 2013 under the umbrella of the Official Spanish Association of Geologists (ICOG). It is coordinated by a Board of more than 50 experts from different disciplines and from more than a dozen Spanish organizations including the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), National Institute of Aerospace Technology (INTA), Centro de Astrobiología (CAB), National Astronomic Observatory, and Science Museum of Castilla-La

Mancha. REDESPA's mission is to promote planetary sciences and astrobiology as an open and versatile platform about different scientific subjects in a transdisciplinary approach, as well as educational, ethical, and societal issues. In the context of REDESPA, there is a special and specific chapter for young researchers (JIPA: Jóvenes Investigadores en Planetología y Astrobiología). The Membership registration in REDESPA is free and open to all interested people. REDESPA has developed different Courses, in collaboration with the ICOG's Professional School of Geology for Spain and LatinAmerica, about Planetology and Astrobiology (two editions), Mars and Catastrophes and Extinction Events and with the Ministry of Defense (Cátedra Juan de Borbón), Complutense University of Madrid and Institute of Geosciences (IGEO) about "Challenges in Astrobiology for the future of Humankind." REDESPA is one of the founding institutions of the Red Iberoamericana de Astrobiología (Latin American Astrobiology Network).