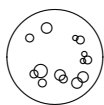
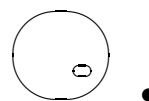


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Word from the Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Commission 16 of the IAU is pleased to bring you Issue N°00 of *PS² News*. This issue serves as a 'birth announcement' for what I hope will become a monthly electronic venue for exchanging news about the Physical Study of Planets and Satellites in the Solar System, and about the various activities of the Commission.

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And, of course, I am calling on your contributions for the next issue (see page 3).

Best regards,

Régis Courtin

President of IAU Commission 16

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

★ The third dwarf planet (following Ceres and Pluto) was named by the IAU in September 2006: 2003 UB313 became (136199) Eris, and its moon was named Dysnomia.

★ Since the XXVIth General Assembly in Prague, the Working Group for Planetary Surface Nomenclature has given names to:

- 7 coroneae, 1 mons (*Kono*), and 1 tholus (*Ezili*) on Venus
- 38 craters on Mars, as well as: *Angustus Labyrinthus*, *Chronius Mons*, *Promethei Mons*, *Sisyphi Tholus*, *Thyles Montes*
- 8 craters on Phobos: *Clustril*, *Drunlo*, *Flimnap*, *Grildrig*, *Gulliver*, *Limtoc*, *Reldresal*, *Skyresh*
- 4 fluctus (*Ara*, *Leilah*, *Rohe*, *Winia*), 1 macula (*Polelya*), and 1 crater (*Ksa*) on Titan
- 21 craters, 2 dorsae, 2 fossae, and 10 sulci on Enceladus
- 3 rings of Uranus: *Lambda*, *Mu*, *Nu*
- 4 satellites of Neptune: *Halimede*, *Sao*, *Laomedeia*, *Neso*

The WGPSN has also decided to drop the name *Furachoga Corona* on Venus, as well as the names *Australis Patera*, *Angusta Patera*, and *Cavi Frigores* on Mars. For complete information, see the *Gazetteer of Planetary Nomenclature* at <http://planetarynames.wr.usgs.gov>.

★ Issue N°99 (January 2007) of the IAU Information Bulletin is available in electronic form at http://www.iau.org/Info_Bulletins.124.0.html.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

★ Commission 16, along with Commission 7, is co-sponsoring *IAU Symposium N°249* entitled *Exoplanets: Detection, Formation and Dynamics* to be held in Suzhou (China) October 22-26. See the website <http://iaus249.nju.edu.cn/index.htm>.

★ Proposals for IAU scientific meetings to be held in 2009 (Symposia, GA Symposia, GA Joint Discussions and GA Special Sessions) are due on December 15, 2007 (with letters of intent due on September 15).

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