

**Programme for the COSPAR Planetary Protection Week
20-21 January 2026**

Tuesday 20 January: Open session Planetary Protection Landscape

Chairs: Athena Coustenis and Niklas Hedman

Venue: Evgenides Foundation, Paleo Faliro, Athens, Greece

13:30-14:00	<i>Arrival / Coffee + Registration</i>	
14:00-14:15	Welcome and logistics	A. Coustenis
14:15-14:30	Hellenic Space Center Welcome	E. Rammos
14:30-14:45	COSPAR Welcome	J-C. Worms
14:45-15:15	HSC activities	HSC Gov. Board, CEO and representatives
15:15-15:30	Presentation Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	K. Tsiganis
15:30-15:50	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>	
15:50-16:30	Overview of the panel recent activities + Q&A	A. Coustenis with PPP leads
16:30-16:50	Purpose of PP and Limits of life	P. Doran, K. Olsson-Francis
16:50-17:10	The COSPAR PP Policy - updates	N. Hedman and P. Doran
17:10-18:30	General presentations by the Space Agencies	Space agencies representatives
18:30- 19:00	Presentation by SSB/CoPP	L. Pratt, D. Fidler
19:00	<i>Close</i>	

Wednesday 21 January: Open Session**Chairs: Karen Olsson-Francis and Peter Doran***Venue: Evgenides Foundation, Paleo Faliro, Athens, Greece*

9:30-10:00	<i>COFFEE + Registration</i>	
10:00-10:10	Welcome and purpose for the day	Athena Coustenis
10:10-10:30	NOA activities	S. Basilakos
10:30-11:15	Moon exploration	<i>Moderator : JC Worms, S. Sinibaldi, J.N. Benardini, M. Anand (ESF study)</i>
11:15-11:30	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>	
11:30-12:00	Probabilistic risk assessment	J.N. Benardini, B. Andrews
12:00-12:40	Sample return and curation	CAST, CNES, ESA, NASA, JAXA
12:40-13:10	Metagenomics for developing for a PRA for Mars	<i>Moderator: K. Olsson-Francis, J.N. Benardini, S. Sinibaldi, M-P Zorzano Meier</i>
13:10-13:30	The cost of PP requirements	S. Sinibaldi
13:30-14:30	<i>LUNCH</i>	
14:30-15:30	<i>Planetarion Show</i>	
15:30-16:30	Planetary Protection in the Commercial and Private sector – panel discussion + Q&A	<i>Moderator : Niklas Hedman, G. Poole, S. Squyres, J. Reed</i>
16:30-16:45	Legal aspects of PP	K-U. Schrogl, L. Tennen
16:45-17:30	Future Human Exploration of Mars and IMEWG –	<i>Moderator: T. Haltigin, A. Spry, K. Olsson-Francis</i>
17:30-18:30	NASEM report on Mars human exploration : PP aspects + Q/A	<i>Moderator: K. Krafton</i> Lindy Elkins-Tanton, Dava Newman, Erika Wagner, Julianna Scheiman, Chris Carr, James Kasting, Penelope Boston
18:30-18:45	<i>AOB</i>	
18:45	<i>Close of Open Sessions</i>	

Thursday 22 January: Closed Session**Chairs: PPP Leads***Venue: Evgenides Foundation, Paleo Faliro, Athens, Greece*