

# Planetary Research #4

Diamond open access journal meeting

February 18, 16:00 CET

## **Agenda**

1. Updates from last meeting
2. LPSC activities
3. Creation of a non-profit organization
4. Long-term funding situation

# Updates since last meeting

- Journal logo: Fabio Crameri and Liliane Burkhard promised to help.
- Submitted a 3 k€ proposal to the Université Paris Cité for pre-launch operational costs in 2025.
- Submitted a 14 k€ proposal to CNRS to cover the first year's operational costs in 2026 (assuming 100 articles).
- IPGP and Université Paris Cité will not support the full costs associated with the journal: We will need to find an alternative long-term funding scheme.
- Editor search committee: 6 people volunteered (O. Aharonson, L. Montési, N. Tosi, A. Alvarez-Candal, G. Collins, M. Wiczorek). We need a couple more who specialize in remote sensing, geology, and samples.

# LPSC activities

- Poster  
Tuesday evening. *Who wants to help make the poster?*
- Community information session  
Tuesday: 11:30 – 13:00 @ Grogan's Mill  
15 minute presentation at 11:30 followed by open questions.
- Open announcement for editors, associate editors, and media team.  
1-page announcement to display in the conference center.  
[Please edit!](#)
- Advertise announcement starting March 1 on various email lists and forums.

# Planetary Research Cooperative

Steering committee

6 elected members  
Editor-in-chief  
Heads of subcommittees

Media team

Planetary Research  
Blog

Planetary Research  
editorial board

Planetary Research  
(journal)

SolarSystem.social

Mattermost  
Peertube  
Mastodon

# Creation of a non-profit organization

- Potential name: Planetary Research Cooperative.  
Suggest a better name in the governance channel on the forum!
- The association statutes are written (in French, see forum). These can be complemented later by a more detailed by-laws document written in English.
- **6** steering committee members elected by the association members for a period of **4** years, staggered every **2** years.
- The steering committee selects a president, treasurer, and secretary.
- The chair, treasurer, and editor-in-chief must be 3 different people.
- Association members are not legally responsible for association activities. The president represents the association in any legal matters.

# Non-profit 1901 Association

## Key Features of a 1901 Association:

**Non-Profit Nature** – The association must not distribute profits to its members; any surplus must be reinvested in its activities.

**Freedom of Association** – Two or more people can form an association for a common purpose without prior authorization.

**Legal Personality (Optional)** – Once declared to the local Préfecture, the association gains legal status, allowing it to sign contracts, open a bank account, and receive donations or public funding.

**Management Structure** – Usually consists of a General Assembly, a Board of Directors, and an Executive Committee (President, Treasurer, Secretary, etc.).

**Transparency & Accountability** – Associations receiving public funds must maintain financial records and report their activities.

## Advantages of the 1901 Status:

- Easy and inexpensive to create.
- Access to subsidies, grants, and tax exemptions.
- Possibility to employ staff or conduct limited commercial activities if the primary purpose remains non-profit.

## Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA)

Sending or receiving a money using any bank account inside the European Union.

<https://www.ecb.europa.eu/paym/integration/retail/sepa/html/index.en.html>

# Funding possibilities

- Single institutional funder:  
One of ESA, CNES, DLR, ISSI, EuroPlanets, paying about 20 k€ per year.
- Several institutional funders:  
Combination of ESA, CNES, DLR, ISSI, EuroPlanets, each paying 5-10 k€ per year.
- Consortium for open access publishing in planetary science (COAPPS):  
~10+ research labs each contributing <2000 € per year.
- Donations from individual researchers:  
~100 researchers contributing 200 € each per year.

# Please invite people to participate!

This is a community project. Everyone is welcome!

- Website: <https://planetary-research-journal.online>
- [Forum invitation link](#)
- Email list: send message to [sympa@listes.u-paris.fr](mailto:sympa@listes.u-paris.fr)  
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