



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### RED ESPAÑOLA DE PLANETOLOGÍA Y ASTROBIOLOGÍA

AND

### ASOCIACIÓN PERUANA DE ASTROBIOLOGÍA

#### **Preamble**

The RED ESPAÑOLA DE PLANETOLOGÍA Y ASTROBIOLOGÍA and the Asociación Peruana de Astrobiología hereafter respectively referred to as REDESPA and ASPAST are two organizations, aiming at developing Astrobiology in their respective scopes and countries.

Considering that they share common objectives, REDESPA and ASPAST decided to cooperate and collaborate for the development and strengthening of Astrobiology, also considering educational, ethical and public outreach issues. Therefore, the present Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the Chairs of both Organizations.

#### **REDESPA**

REDESPA es una organización que fue promovida desde el Grupo de Investigación del Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas de “Meteoritos y Geociencias Planetarias”, Instituto de Geociencias, IGEO (CSIC-UCM), con el respaldo de la Red Académica y Científica de España (RedIRIS) y del Ilustre Colegio Oficial de Geólogos (ICOG), con la colaboración de expertos de distintas instituciones y organizaciones españolas. REDESPA es una plataforma abierta a investigadores, educadores, divulgadores, asociaciones, sociedades y grupos interesados en dichas temáticas con vocación multidisciplinar. Una red flexible y versátil que permite disponer de un foro de integración para coordinar y aunar sinergias en y desde España sobre Astrobiología y Ciencias del Espacio.



REDESPA is: 1) officially included in the directory of the International Astronomical Union (IAU); 2) currently representing Spain in the European Astrobiology Network Association (EANA), and 3) a founder organization of the Latin-American Astrobiology Network and the European Astrobiology Institute.

## **ASPAST**

First Peruvian institution formed by researchers, students and disseminators of astrobiology. ASPAST is proud to count among its members very interested and committed people towards research of this discipline in Peru and its dissemination to the public. The experience and commitment of its members is, without doubt, the best guarantee and the best foundation for the dissemination, research and education of Astrobiology in Peru.

## **Justification for this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

Astrobiology is an important subject in the framework of the academic, scientific, technological and human backgrounds and activities involving scientists, engineers and other experts from a multidisciplinary approach. This relationship matches well with the issues that are defined as the major aims and objectives of REDESPA and ASPAST respectively. Since the establishment of REDESPA, this organization comes collaborating on Astrobiology with the main national and international organizations and societies. The cooperation between REDESPA and ASPAST will allow the creation of new synergies and enhance their respective activities.

## **Objective of the Memorandum of Understanding**

The objective of the MoU is to bring the two organizations (REDESPA and ASPAST) together to raise the awareness of giving due attention to the conjunction of scientific, educational and ethical aspects in the context of space sciences and astrobiology, through joint actions, including institutional cooperation on different subjects and at different levels.

## **Areas of cooperation/Terms**

- a. The area of cooperation will be Astrobiology



- b. Both organizations will have a link to the other organization in their respective websites.
- c. When organizing joint initiatives/events, both organizations will include their respective logos.
- d. Selected Staff Members of each organization will have free access (unless strictly confidential subjects) to the materials produced by the other organization.
- e. Both organizations will support each other in international fora for the development of their respective activities and recognizing their roles.
- f. Other similar activities as might be deemed necessary and agreed upon by both organizations in the future.

### **Focal points**

Both organizations will appoint a focal point, who will be responsible for the formal and informal contacts between the organizations.

### **Entry into force**

The Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force upon signature by the Parties.

### **Duration of the MOU**

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed for an initial period of four years and will be automatically renewed, for the same period, except indicated otherwise by either party.

### **Termination of MoU**

Each Party shall have the right to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding by giving three months written notice to the other Party at any time. If the Memorandum of Understanding is terminated by either Party, steps shall be taken to ensure that the termination does not affect any prior obligation, project or activity already in progress.

### **Amendment of Memorandum of Understanding**

The Memorandum of Understanding may be modified or amended by written agreement between the Parties.



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