NAP-Astrobio, Brazil

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Synonyms

Astrobio: astrobiology

Acronyms

NAP-Astrobio: Núcleo de Pesquisa em Astrobiologia (Portuguese); Brazilian Research Unit in Astrobiology

Definition

NAP-Astrobio is a Brazilian virtual network based at the Institute of Astronomy, Geophysics and Atmospheric Sciences of the University of Sao Paulo (USP). It encompasses various Brazilian research centers, such as other institutes of USP and different institutions: the Brazilian Center for Research in Energy and Materials, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Federal University of Sao Carlos, Federal University of Santa Catarina, State University of Londrina, and others. The main goals of the network are to foster the interdisciplinary collaboration of researchers, the formation of the next generation of astrobiologists, and the consolidation of the research field in Brazil.

History

NAP-Astrobio was created in 2011 at the University of Sao Paulo (USP) as part of an effort to organize the Brazilian research community working with different branches of astrobiology. It started with the inauguration of the Astrobiology Laboratory at the Institute of Astronomy, Geophysics and Atmospheric Sciences (IAG) of USP and the organization of the first international school in astrobiology in Brazil, the Sao Paulo Advanced School of Astrobiology Galante et al (2013). At the same year, it was accepted as an international partner of the NASA Astrobiology Institute (NAI) and the European Astrobiology Network Association (EANA).

Cross-References

▶ EANA
▶ NAI
References and Further Reading
