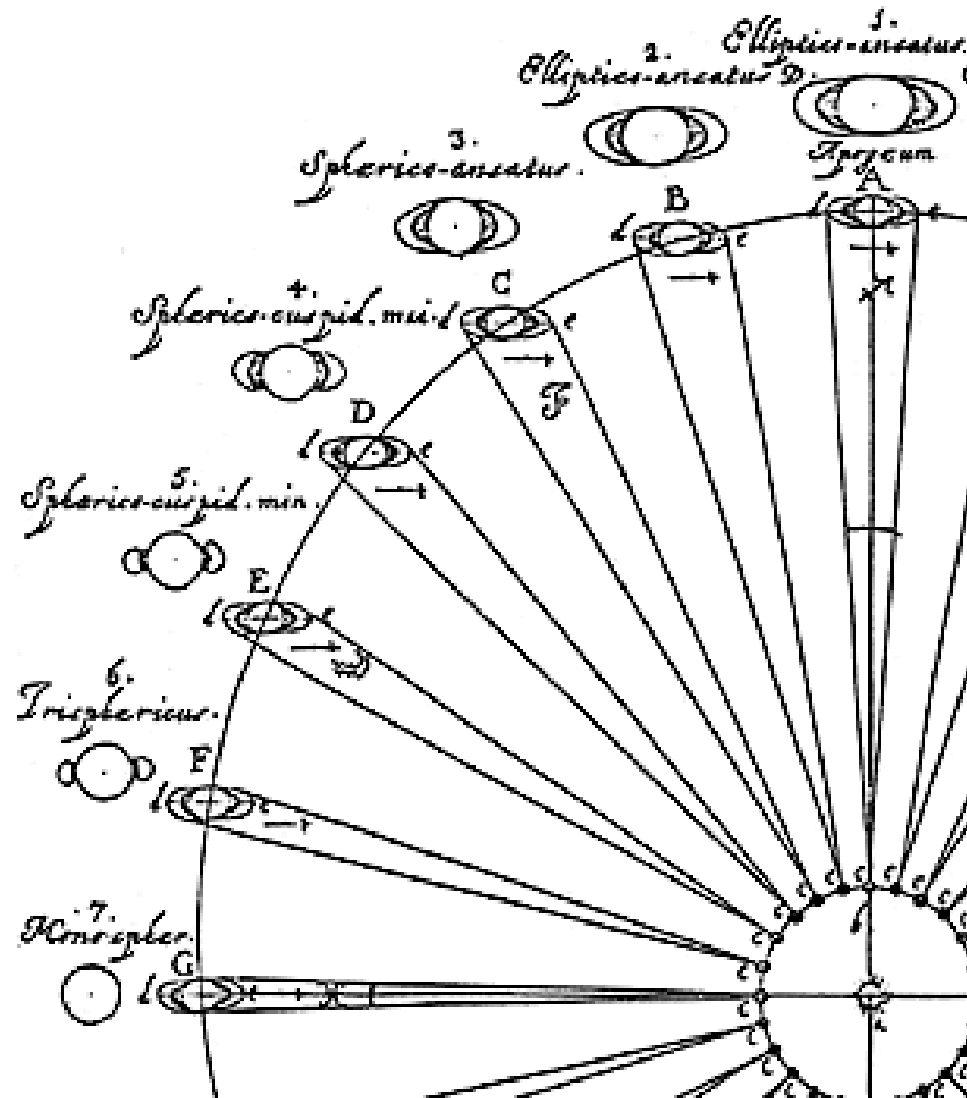


# Euoplanet - European Planetology Network

## International Year of Astronomy 2009



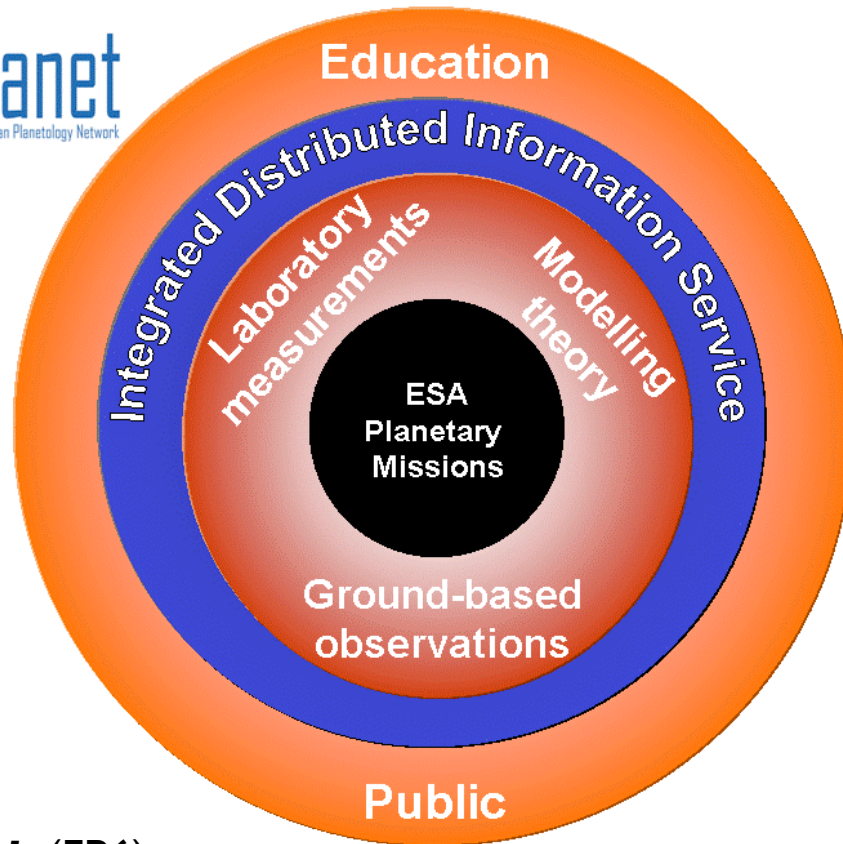
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# Europlanet



## Network (FP6):

- 17 Countries
- Research Institutes



The objectives are to:

- ▶ Increase the productivity of planetary projects with European investment, with emphasis on major planetary exploration missions.
- ▶ Initiate a long-term integration of the European planetary science community.
- ▶ Improve European scientific competitiveness, develop and spread expertise in this research area.
- ▶ **Improve public engagement** with planetary sciences and astronomy.

# ***50th Anniversary of the Space Age***

## ***10th Anniversary of Cassini-Huygens Launch***

*First 2 weeks of October 2007*

Major rehearsal for IYA2009

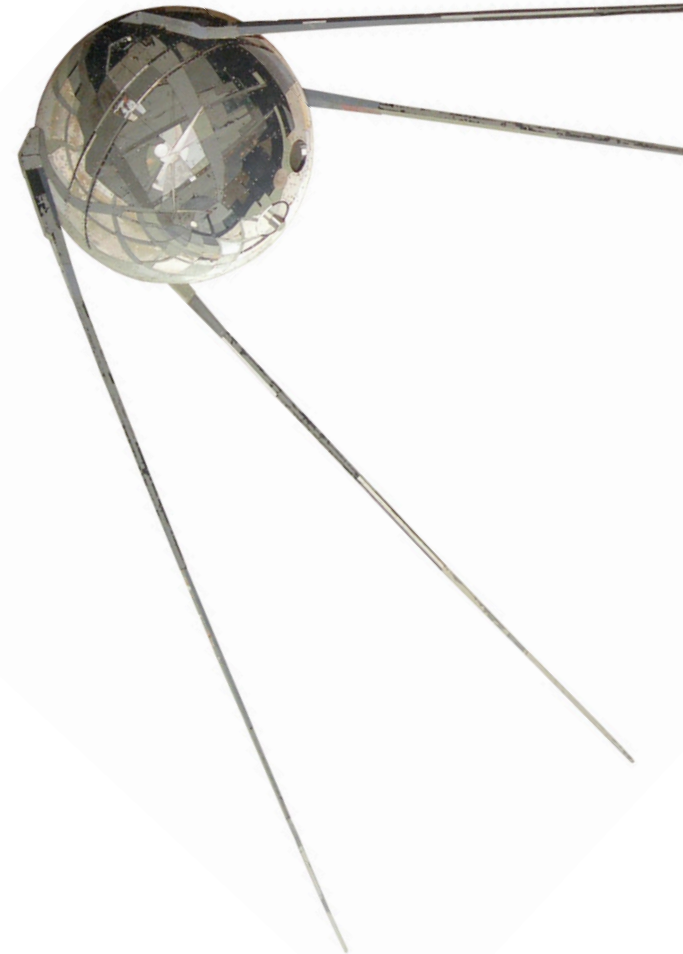
### **National Activities**

(organized in partnership with National Contact Points)

- *Public Talks*
- *Exhibitions*
- *Public Night Sky Observations*
- *etc.*

### **European Contest**

- *Amateur astronomers*, the most beautiful picture of an object (or objects) of the Solar System.
- *Children from 6 to 12*, the most beautiful drawing or school essay about an object (or objects) of the Solar System.
- *Artists*, the best artistic tribute to the Solar System (all media).



# + **Europlanet Activities**

- ▶ Europlanet Outreach Steering Committee
- ▶ National Contact Points  
(related with Planetary Sciences / synergy with IYA National SPoC)
- ▶ Call for Ideas
- ▶ One big Pan-European Outreach Project  
(e.g.: The excellent win-win partnership project: Hubble XV Anniversary)
- ▶ European Planetary Sciences Congress August 2007, Potsdam: IYA2009 Forum
- ▶ FP6 funding until 2008
- ▶ European Union Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) Project (2009-2011)
  
- ▶ What Europlanet can offer:
  - ▶ Financial Support for Pan-European activities
  - ▶ Planetary Scientists ( EPO contents, public talks, workshops...)
  - ▶ Networking
  - ▶ Advertisement (webpage and mailing list distribution)

> **Europlanet Outreach Website:** [www.europlanet-eu.org](http://www.europlanet-eu.org)

