



The Universe Explored by *Herschel*

An international symposium dedicated to presenting, discussing, and taking stock of the scientific breakthroughs from the Herschel Space Observatory to date, and with a view towards the future

ESA/ESTEC, Noordwijk, The Netherlands, 15-18 October 2013

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First Announcement

(8 November 2012)

Aims and scope

The *Herschel* [First Results Symposium](#) was held in May 2010 in the ESTEC Conference Centre. More than 400 astronomers shared in the excitement during the four memorable days of the first major scientific symposium featuring *Herschel* results. There have been numerous expressions of interest regarding future meetings. **The organisers are now pleased to be in a position to extend an invitation to the community for a follow-up meeting.**

The overall objective of the meeting will be to present, discuss, and take stock of the scientific breakthroughs to date based on *Herschel* observations, and their impact. The symposium will feature invited and contributed talks, and poster sessions.

Format

Invited plenary presentations will review the status 'before *Herschel*', and provide overviews of the most exciting and important contributions made possible by *Herschel*. Contributed oral and poster presentations on related topics will be solicited from the community. Part of the symposium may be devoted to parallel sessions on specialised topics where details can be discussed at greater length, depending on the response to the call for papers.

It is under consideration to provide a Helpdesk to demonstrate the *Herschel* Science Archive and its contents as well as the HIPE data processing software, and to answer questions from the participants, during breaks and poster sessions.



Calendar of events

1st Announcement	08 November 2012
2nd Announcement / Call for papers	25 January 2013
Pre-registration period	25 January - 29 March 2013
Registration begins	15 April 2013
Abstract submission deadline	31 May 2013
Notification of acceptance	28 June 2013
Preliminary programme	05 July 2013
Early registration fee ends	26 July 2013
Registration deadline for speakers	29 August 2013
Final programme	13 September 2013
Registration ends	11 October 2013
Symposium dates	15-18 October 2013

Venue

The symposium will be held on 15–18 October 2013. The venue will be the ESTEC Conference Centre, the same venue as for at the *Herschel* First Results Symposium held in May 2010. The maximum capacity of the venue is 400 participants.

The European Research and Space Technology Centre (ESTEC) of the European Space Agency is located in Noordwijk, The Netherlands, the exact location can be found at http://www.esa.int/SPECIALS/ESTEC/SEMBAJ6K56G_0.html

Scientific Organising Committee (SOC)

The [Herschel Science Team](#) will constitute the SOC:

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