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FOREWORD

The VI Italian Meeting of Planetary Sciences took place in Aosta from January 24 to 28, 2005, and was organized by the Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica - Osservatorio Astronomico di Torino.

The periodic Italian Meeting of Planetary Sciences can be considered the general assembly of the Italian planetologists, first held at Bormio in 1996. It is devoted to all the scientific topics in which the Italian groups are involved. Its aims are: to stand out the several capabilities developed by the Italian community in the field of the planetary science, and assess the state of art; to outline the involvement of the Italian groups in national and international scientific programs; to coordinate the collaborations and strategies of the planetology community, in particular for what regards organization and funding.

The meeting has been organized with several sessions, including a poster session. Main topics were: space experiments and planetary missions; minor bodies (satellites, asteroids, comets, meteoroids and dust); laboratory experiments relevant to planetary studies.

The goal of this proceedings book is to provide an updated overview of the researches and latest results in the field of the Planetary Sciences in Italy.

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