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Thursday 27 th November 2025		
0845-0915	Registration and refreshments	
0915-0930	Welcome Address	Peter Fawdon, UKPF
0930-1045 Session one	Mars 2020 Perseverance: exploring Jezero crater and preparing for Mars Sample Return	Keyron Hickman-Lewis, <i>Birkbeck, University of London</i>
	A mountain of evidence for a habitable environment: Curiosity’s ascent of Mount Sharp.	Steven G.Banham, <i>Imperial College London</i>
	Seeing Red with CaSSIS: Shocked Plagioclase in the Martian Highlands	Joseph McNeil, <i>Natural History Museum, London</i>
	Martian quakes and structure: UK contributions from InSight	Anna Catherine Horleston , <i>University of Bristol</i>
	Seismic evidence for a highly heterogeneous martian mantle	Constantinos Charalambous, <i>Imperial College London</i>
	Panel Session	
1045-1115	Tea & coffee break	
1115-1230 Session two	Understanding the formation and evolution of bodies in our Solar System through analysis of extra-terrestrial samples: The UK Cosmochemistry Network	Katherine Joy, <i>The University of Manchester (virtual)</i>
	Non-destructive mineralogy and petrology of Bennu samples using correlated imaging and diffraction at Diamond Light Source	Helena Bates, <i>Natural History Museum</i>
	Using Radiogenic Isotopes as Tools for Deciphering the Chronology of Lunar Volcanic Rocks	John Pernet-Fisher, <i>University of Manchester</i>
	Néma 001, a diorite with affinities to the acapulcoite-lodranite clan	Romain Tartese, <i>University of Manchester</i>
	Building Habitable Worlds: What Zinc Isotopes in Meteorites Reveal about Volatile Delivery to Earth and Mars	Rayssa Martins, <i>University of Cambridge; Imperial College London</i>
	Panel Session	
1230-1240	Community Session – Geological Society of London	Thomas Harvey
1240-1250	Community Session – UKSA & Q&A	Henry Ayres
1250-1300	Community Session – Royal Astronomical Society	Robert Massey
1300-1305	Group photo in the Lower Library	
1305-1400	Lunch	

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1400-1515 Session three	Metastable hydrate of sodium chloride: A new mineralogical indicator of rapid freezing of brines at icy worlds	Rachael Hamp, <i>The Open University</i>
	Miniature laboratory experiments on salt-water solutions under high-pressure, low-temperature conditions representative of icy moon interiors	Ines Collings, <i>Natural History Museum</i>
	Serpentinisation-driven liberation of bioessential phosphite (P(III)) on Europa: an analogue study.	Leanne Staddon, <i>University of St Andrews</i>
	Two end-member analogue sites for depositional paleoenvironments and biosignature preservation at Oxia Planum	Grace C. Nielson, <i>University of St Andrews</i>
	Biosignature Stability under Simulated Martian Conditions: Implications for sample analysis by the Rosalind Franklin Rover	Louisa J Preston, <i>Mullard Space Science Laboratory, UCL The Natural History Museum, London</i>
	Panel Session	
1515-1545	Tea & coffee break	
1545-1700 Session four	Science objectives and status of the EnVision Mission to Venus	Philippa Jane Mason, <i>Imperial College London</i>
	Multi-wavelength Polarimetric Radar Analysis of Lava Flows at Askja, Iceland: A Venus Analogue Study	Nikol Davidova, <i>Imperial College London</i>
	Determining Impact Angle from the Spatial Distribution of Shock Metamorphism: A Case Study of the Gosses Bluff (Tnorala) Impact Structure, Australia	Auriol Rae, <i>University of Edinburgh</i>
	Rays and secondary craters of the Tycho impact event revealed through deep learning	Giulia Magnarini, <i>Natural History Museum London</i>
	Exploring structures within the Caloris Basin	Christopher Brooks, <i>The Open University</i>
	Panel Session	
1700-1705	Closing Remarks	
1705-1800	Drinks Reception	

Poster Title	Author
The Fluvial History of Hadriacus Cavi	Adam Losekoot, <i>The Open University</i>
Microbial activity and biosignature preservation amongst alkaline hot springs at Lake Magadi, Kenya	Amy Quinton, <i>Birkbeck, University of London, and Natural History Museum, London</i>
Numerical Modelling of the Moon's South Pole – Aitken Basin Formation	Carys Bill, <i>Imperial College London</i>
Alteration of 2:1 clay minerals in brine: Implications for sediments on Mars	Elshan Abdullayev, <i>University of Georgia</i>
Cracks in the Map: Unresolved Topographic Anomalies on Venus from Magellan Altimetry Data	Gerard Gallardo i Peres, <i>Imperial College London</i>
PROSPECT- a miniaturised geochemistry lab for exploring lunar surface volatiles in situ	James Mortimer, <i>The Open University</i>
New Magnitude Scaling and Source Characterization of Marsquakes	Jung-Hun Song, <i>Imperial College London</i>
Classifying Iron Meteorites: A Machine Learning Approach	Louis-Alexandre Lobanov, <i>Birkbeck, University of London & Natural History Museum, London</i>
The Enfys InfraRed Spectrometer for the ExoMars Rosalind Franklin rover	Matt Gunn, <i>Aberystwyth University</i>
The application of orbital and rover observations of fluvial and lacustrine environments to the 2028 ExoMars Rosalind Franklin Rover in Oxia Planum.	Nisha Gor, <i>The Open University</i>
Geological maps as a tool for planetary exploration and the geological mapping of the ExoMars rover landing site in Oxia Planum	Peter Fawdon, <i>The Open University</i>
I would rove 500 miles: Long Range Rover Investigations on Mars	Matt Balme, <i>The Open University</i>
Anatomy of a Breakup: High-Resolution Study of a New Crater Cluster on Mars	Peter Grindrod, <i>Natural History Museum, UK</i>
Reflections from Earth: L-Band Radar Studies of Lunar South Pole Analogues	Poppy McVann, <i>Royal Holloway, University of London</i>
Sample analysis using the PanCam Training Model	Rebecca Warrilow, <i>MSSL, UCL</i>
The future exploration of the Venus	Richard Ghail, <i>Royal Holloway, University of London</i>
Late deformation and hydrofracturing of the Bright Angel formation, Jezero crater, Mars.	Robert Barnes, <i>Imperial College London</i>
Rainbow Vision across the Reality Spectrum: Preparing for Planetary Surface Spectral Sensing across Theoretical, Computational, Laboratory and Field Simulations in the UK and Beyond	Roger Stabbins, <i>Natural History Museum, London</i>
Biology of Biosignature Detection: Integrating Life Sciences and Planetary Exploration	Scott Perl, <i>UCLA Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences</i>
A Novel Unsupervised Change Detection Method for Inter-Mission SAR images	Yao Gao, <i>Imperial College London</i>

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