

Methods based on a time frequency representation of the echographic signal have been considered and a particular effort has been made to understand and to correct the bias on the attenuation estimation due to the diffraction. It remains to be seen whether all these algorithms on clinical data enable quantitative measurements to be made thus providing new tools in medical diagnosis.

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The European Space Agency seeks for its European Space Research and Technology Centre, Noordwijk

One Staff position and possibly two fellowship positions in the domain of PLANETARY SCIENCE

The Staff position will require that part of the time is devoted to project work related to ongoing space missions and study work for future missions. However, initially the main aim will be to initiate and carry out research. Fellows can devote their time fully to research.

The research will be in line with planned ESA missions in planetary science, and the following research topics, with emphasis on experimental techniques, will be considered:

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- in-situ techniques for observations of grains, atoms/molecules and plasma, in order to study interaction processes
- collection and analysis of dust and ultimately, as a long term aim, collection of material from primitive planetary bodies.

Applications should be directed to the Head of Personnel, ESTEC, Postbus 299, 2200 AG Noordwijk, the Netherlands, including detailed curriculum vitae. For enquiries phone 1719-83308.

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Under the terms of the decision taken by Council in March of this year, extending to European astronomical societies the possibility of becoming Collaborating Societies of the EPS, the following societies have applied and been accepted:

**Società Astronomica Italiana
Nederlandse Astronomenclub**

Members of these societies may now join the European Physical Society for an annual fee of Sw.Fr. 50.-. For this they [like other 4d) members, such as those who are members of the American Physical Society] are entitled to the full benefits of individual membership.

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The Division also approved the proposed change in the Statutes whereby the outgoing Chairman may serve a further three-year term even though he may already have served on the Board for two consecutive terms.

NUCLEAR PHYSICS BOARD

As a result of the recent elections, the full members of the Board of the **Nuclear Physics Division** over the next three years will be as shown opposite:

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