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HAYABUSA2: THE LONG JOURNEY TO A PRIMITIVE ASTEROID HAS BEGUN



Launch of H-IIA F26 with Hayabusa2 on board. IMAGE CREDIT: JAXA



The sampler horn extended in space. IMAGE CREDIT: JAXA

The Japanese asteroid explorer Hayabusa 2has begun its six-year round trip to return surface samples of the near-Earth carbonaceous-type asteroid 1999 JU_3 .

The rocket that propelled Hayabusa2 was a H-IIA F26 and it was launched at 1:22:04 pm on 3 December 2014 (JST), from the Tanegashima Space Center after being delayed twice because of bad weather. Hayabusa2 separated from the launch vehicle approximately 1 hour, 47 minutes, and 21 seconds after liftoff. Shortly after separation, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) announced that the critical operation phase after the launch had been completed, including the deployment of the sampler horn through which samples of the asteroid's surface will be collected. The deployment of the sampler horn was confirmed by a small onboard monitor camera camera that had been made by public donation to the mission. A check of Hayabusa2's onboard instruments revealed that they are currently in good condition.

The spacecraft will do an Earth flyby in 2015 to pick up speed and will then head to asteroid 1999 JU_3 . Hayabusa2 will arrive at the asteroid in mid-2018 when the spacecraft will take three samples during its 18-month stay. After that, Hayabusa2 will return to Earth in December 2020 with its precious samples.

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STUDENT PAPER PRESENTATION AWARDS FROM 2014 ANNUAL MEETING IN CASABLANCA



The GORDON McKAY AWARD for the best oral presentation by a student at the annual meeting of the Meteoritical Society was given to **Romy Hanna** of the University of Texas (USA) for her talk in Casablanca (Morocco) entitled "Impact-induced chondrule deformation and aqueous alteration of CM2 Murchison." The award comes with a prize of US\$1000 and a certificate.

Four WILEY-BLACKWELL AWARDS, each worth US \$500 and provided by Wiley-Blackwell (publishers of *Meteoritics and Planetary Science*), were given for outstanding presentations at the 76th annual meeting of the society in Casablanca (Morocco). The four winners, left to right below were **Carolyn Crow** (University of California Los Angeles) for her talk entitled "Impact shock microstructures in Apollo 14 zircons," **Ingrid Daubar** (University of Arizona) for her talk "New dated impacts on Mars and the current cratering rate," **Christopher Hamann** (Museum für Naturkunde Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin, Germany) for his talk "Silicate liquid immiscibility in young impact glasses," and **Nicole Lunning** (University of Tennessee, USA) for her talk "CM chondrite impact melt clast identified in a regolithic howardite."

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- 2015 Berkeley, California, USA, July 27–31
- 2016 Berlin, Germany, August 7–12
- 2017 Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA, Last week of July
- 2018 Moscow, Russia, dates to be decided

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THANKS TO OUR SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Meteoritical Society would like to extend its sincere thanks to all those members who are serving on society committees this year. We have listed their names below, with the names of the committee chairs in **bold**. Without the generous help of these members, the society could not function. We greatly appreciate their help!

2015	Affiliation	Ends
Leonard Medal and Nier Pi	rize • 5 members; 3-year term	
Floss, Christine (chair)	Washington University	2017
Bland, Phil	Curtin University	2018
Binzel, Richard	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2019
Russell, Sara	Natural History Museum, London	2018
Kita, Noriko	University of Wisconsin, Madison	2016
Barringer Award • 4 memb	ers, 4-year term	
Burchell, Mark	University of Kent	2016
Deutsch, Alex	University of Münster	2017
Spray, John	University of New Brunswick	2018
Crosta, Alvaro (chair)	University of Campinas – UNICAMP	2015
Pellas/Ryder Award • 3 Me	tSoc, 3 GS, 3-year term	
Buczkowski, Debra (chair)	Johns Hopkins University, APL	2016
Burr, Devon (PGD past-chair)	University of Tennessee	2017
Wyrick, Danielle (1 st vice-chair)	University of Tennessee	2017
Bland, Phil	Curtin University	2015
Schwenzer, Susan	Open University	2016
Korotev, Randy	Washington University	2014
McKay Award • 6-8 member	ers, 1-year term	
Dunn, Tasha (chair)	Illinois State University	2015
Filiberto, Justin	Southern Illinois University	2015
Nishiizumi, Kuni (vice-chair)	University of California, Berkeley	2015
Gross, Juiliane	Rutgers University	2015
Beck, Andrew	Johns Hopkins University, APL	2015
Bell, Mary Sue	ARES, JSC	2015
Nominating (tentative)		•
Mikouchi, Takashi	University of Tokyo	2015
Chennaoui, Hasnaa (invited)	Universite Hassan II	2015
Scorzelli, Rosa	Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Fisicas	2015
Ivanova, Marina	Vernadsky Institute	2015
Scott, Ed	University of Hawaii	2015
Lin, Yangting	Chinese Academy of Sciences	2015
Nomenclature Editor • Met 3-year term, 3 ex officio	Bull • Editor Database 12 members,	
Agee, Carl	University of New Mexico	2015
Grossman, Jeff	NASA	
Bouvier, Audrey	University of Western Ontario	2016
Metzler, Knut	University of Münster	2015
Ruzicka, Alex	Portland State University	2015
Welzenbach, Linda	Planetary Science Institute	2015
Herd, Chris (chair) (rotating off in March)	University of Alberta	2016

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Mikouchi, Takashi University of Tokyo	2016	
Dunn, Tasha Colby College	2016	
Smith, Caroline Natural History Museum, London	2016	
Gattacceca, Jerome CEREGE (CNRS)	2016	
Debaille, Vinciane Université Libre de Bruxelles	2017	
Welten, Kees University of California, Berkeley	2017	
Bullock, Emma Smithsonian Institution	2017	
Endowment • 5 members, 3-year terms		
Huss, Gary University of Hawaii	2017	
Reimold, Uwe (cochair) Leibniz Institute @ Humboldt- Universitaet Berlin	2017	
Treiman, Allan Lunar and Planetary Institute	2016	
Barringer, Drew (cochair) The Barringer Crater Company	2017	
Warren, Paul University of California, Los Angeles	2017	
Kohl, Candace (ex officio)		
Audit • 3 members, 3-year terms		
Hofmann, Beda Natural History Museum, Bern	2017	
Taylor, Susan CRREL	2016	
Connolly, Harold (chair) CUNY	2016	
Publications • 6 members + Treas, 3-year terms		
Lyon, Ian University of Manchester	2017	
Tsuchiyama, Akira Kyoto University	2017	
Nakamura-Messenger, Keiko Johnson Space Center	2016	
Ebel, Denton American Musum Natural History	2016	
Flynn, George (chair) SUNY-Plattsburgh	2014	
Engrand, Cecile CNRS	2017	
Joint Publications • 6 members, 3-year terms		
Davis, Andy (MetSoc) University of Chicago	2016	
Koeberl, Chris (MetSoc) University of Vienna	2016	
Jeremy, Fein (GS) Florida State University	2016	
Freeman, Kate (GS) Pennsylvania State University	2014	
Hilton, David (GS) (chair) (extended) Scripps Institution of Oceanography	2015	
Rushmer, Tracy (MetSoc) Macquarie University	2015	
Canuel, Liz Virginia Institute of Marine Science (William & Mary)	2017	
Zolensky, Mike Ex Officio		
Sherwood Lollar, Barbara Ex Officio		
Norman, Mark Ex Officio		
Jull, Tim Ex Officio		
Membership and Service Award		
Walton, Erin Grant MacEwan University	2015	
Itoh, Shoichi Kyoto University	2016	
Ferriere, Ludovic Natural History Museum, Vienna	2017	
Mayne, Rhiannon Texas Christian University	2017	
Dyl, Katie Curtin University	2016	
Kohout, Tomas University of Helsinki	2017	

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