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# AbGradE

Connecting the next generation  
of early-career astrobiologists

## Who we are

AbGradE - Astrobiology Graduates in Europe - is a newly formed association of European early-career researchers in the field of astrobiology. The group emerged in response to the rising need to foster multidisciplinary inter-European collaboration as well as the creation of a solid scientific and social network across Europe's astrobiological scene. An additional goal is to set a common interdisciplinary background in astrobiology ranging from astronomy to geology, chemistry and biology.

## Past event

**1<sup>st</sup> Symposium and public outreach event in Edinburgh 2014** was successfully launched in Edinburgh, UK. Combining educational talks that cover the different fields within astrobiology, along with student presentations, a public outreach event and ample opportunities for networking, that is exactly what the 1<sup>st</sup> symposium of AbGradE achieved. See also: T. Samuels, L. Noack, C. Verseux and P. Serrano (2015). A new network for astrobiology in Europe. *A&G* 56, pp 2.15-2.17.



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## Upcoming in 2015 – COME JOIN US

This year, we organize a one-day mission-design workshop together with ESA-ESTEC and the EGU PS division on **5<sup>th</sup> October** 2015, before the 15<sup>th</sup> EANA Astrobiology Conference taking place on 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of October in **Noordwijk**, the Netherlands. Registration is open now.



## Announcement for 2016: 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium will be organized

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