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MARS500 SIMULATION PROGRAM

A REALISTIC SIMULATION

FOR PROSPECTIVE MANNED FLIGHTS TO MARS



2 BASIC ISSUES ON A MANNED TRIP TO MARS :

TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES



HUMAN ISSUES



- ISOLATION
- LONG-TERM CONFINEMENT
- SEVERELY IMPACTING CONFLICTS
- SENSORIAL DEPRIVATION
- MONOTONY
- HYPOKINESIA / HYPODYNAMIA
- LIMITED CREW WITH RESTRICTED INTERACTIONS
- PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE TO SUSTAIN/SUPPORT
- SOCIOLOGICAL BALANCE TO MAINTAIN
- LONG EXPOSURE TO WEIGNTLESSNESS
- LONG EXPOSURE TO COSMIC RADIATIONS
- AUTONOMY, ETC...



ISOLATIONS : A LONG HISTORY...



POLAR COMPOUNDS

Duration, limited crew, autonomy

BUT : Contact with Earth, no real confinement



SUBMARINES

No contact with Earth, autonomy, confinement

BUT : Large crew, no long-term isolation



DEDICATED COMPLEX

Duration, limited crew, autonomy

BUT : Contact with Earth, environment, no real confinement



IN SPACE

Real space flight conditions, limited crew, confinement

BUT : Contact with Earth, crew exchange



MARS 500 : A DEDICATED PROGRAM FOR MANNED FLIGHT

- 2007 : ESA AND IMBP AGREED ON JOINT PROGRAM



- PURPOSE : TO STUDY AN INTERNATIONAL CREW
ON A SIMULATED MANNED FLIGHT TO MARS
WITH AS-REALISTIC-AS-POSSIBLE CONDITIONS

- FIELDS OF STUDY :

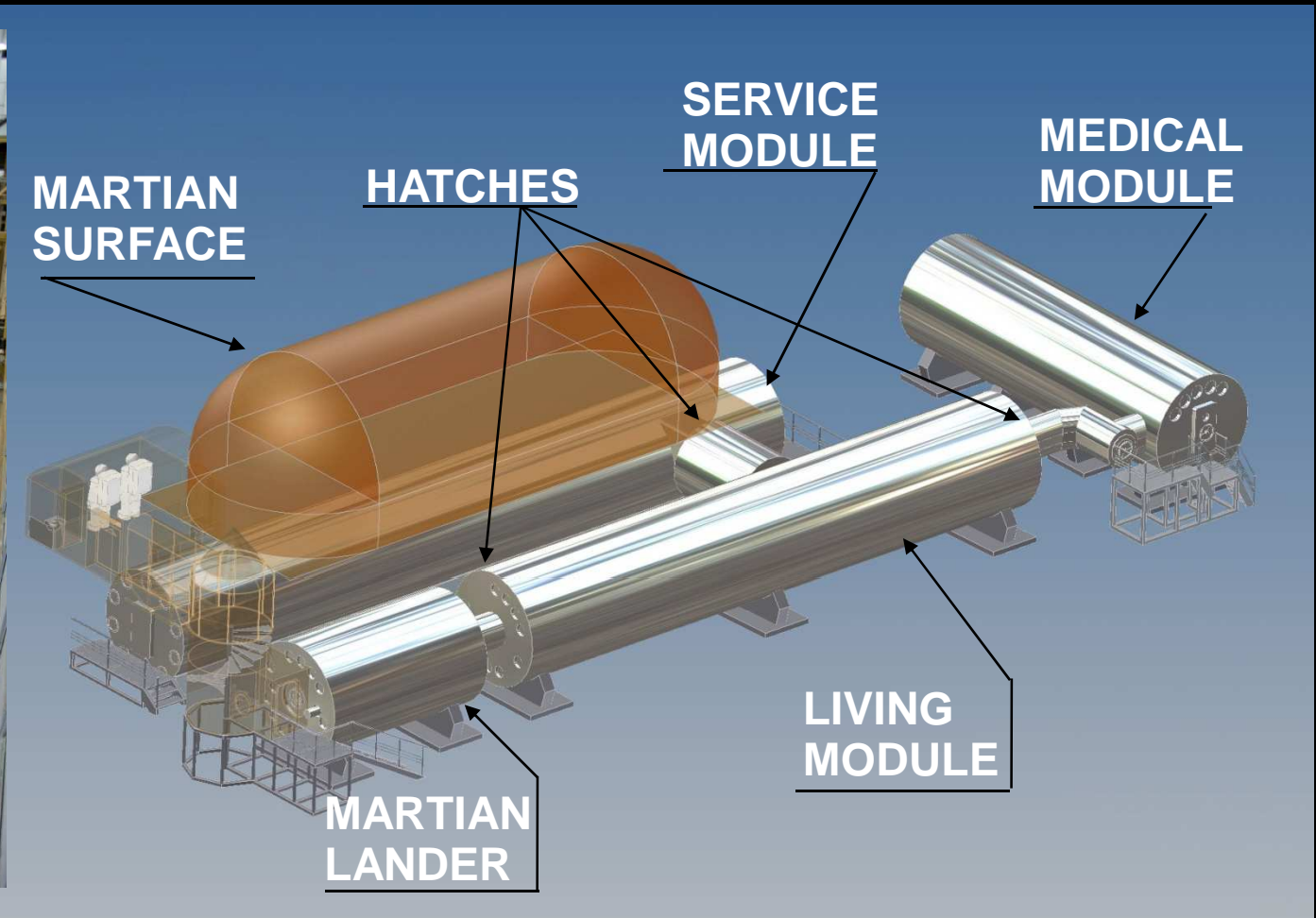
- PSYCHOLOGY
- SOCIOLOGY
- PSYCHOSOCIOLOGY
- STRESS
- IMMUNOLOGY
- NEUROLOGY
- PHYSIOLOGY
- MEDICAL
- SLEEP PATTERN
- PSYCHO-VIGILANCE PERFORMANCES, ...

- 2 STEPS : A 105-DAY ISOLATION & A 520-DAY ISOLATION



MARS 500 : PRACTICAL DATA

**THE ENVIRONMENT : AUTONOMOUS MODULE IN IMBP, MOSCOW
DEDICATED MISSION-CONTROL**







MARS 500 : PRACTICAL DATA

THE CONDITIONS :

- INTERNATIONAL CREW OF 6

- WORKING LANGUAGES : ENGLISH and RUSSIAN
 (March-July 2009) (June 2010 – November 2011)

- 24-HOUR DAYS

- DATEI  EUROPEAN ACADEMIES PROGRAM    

- COMMUNICATION WITH EARTH AVAILABLE (messages, audio, video, ...)

- 1 CREW MEMBER ON DUTY DAILY FOR 24H (Maintenance, servicing, meals, etc...)

- NO PHYSICAL/VISUAL CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE

2 DEVIATIONS FROM A REAL FLIGHT :

- NO WEIGHTLESSNESS

- NO HARMFUL RADIATIONS





INSIDE THE MODULE : A COMMON DAY

- **WAKE-UP TIME : 08:00, EVERY DAY**
- **MEDCONTROL + URINE COLLECTION ON 24h**
- **08:30 : BREAKFAST**
- **MORNING SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**
- **13h : LUNCH**
- **AFTERNOON SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM (INCLUDING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES)
+ LEISURE TIME**
- **19h : DINER, 22h : MEDCONTROL**
- **NIGHT TIME : TESTS, MAINTENANCE BY DUTY CREWMEMBER**



ISOLATIONS COMPLETED : INITIAL CONCLUSIONS

- BOTH ISOLATIONS CARRIED OUT UNTIL THEIR SCHEDULED ENDS
- NO CONFLICT WITHIN THE CREWS...
... BUT TENSIONS BETWEEN CREWS AND MISSION-CONTROL
- ISOLATION FELT DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON CREWMEMBER
- HUGE AMOUNT OF DATA COLLECTED
- ALL SCIENTIFIC TEAMS SATISFIED WITH THEIR DATA



ISOLATIONS COMPLETED : SCIENTIFIC RESULTS

DATA ANALYSIS IS STILL IN PROGRESS...

... BUT SOME RESULTS ARE ALREADY STRONGLY EXPECTED



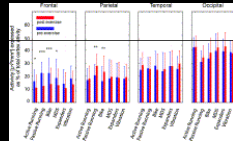
ISOLATIONS COMPLETED : SCIENTIFIC RESULTS

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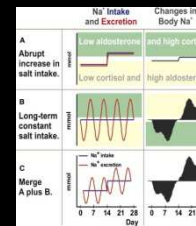
Personal values and crew compatibility

S. SCHNEIDER



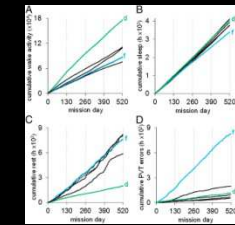
Exercises and cognitive performance

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Infradian Rhythmicity in Human Na⁺ Balance

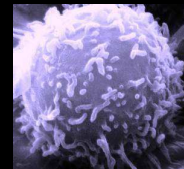
D. DINGES



Sleep alteration and Psycho-vigilance performance

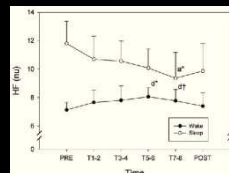
AND MANY MORE...

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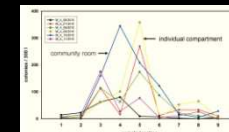
Stress and Immunity

A. AUBERT



Circadian Rhythm of Autonomic Cardiovascular Control

P. RETTBERG



Microbiology and health In sealed environments



FINALLY, A MANNED MISSION TO MARS :

NOT ONLY A TECHNOLOGICAL CHALLENGE...

ABOVE ALL, A HUMAN ADVENTURE AIMING AT FOSTERING

SCIENCE

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

HUMAN KNOWLEDGE

AND MANY MORE SIDE FIELDS... !



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THANK YOU !

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