



# EMC11

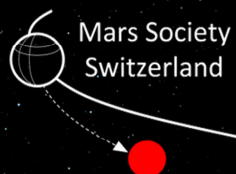
11<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN MARS CONVENTION

Neuchâtel, Switzerland

September 30th – October 2nd 2011

EXPLORING MARS  
IS KEY FOR  
UNDERSTANDING EARTH

LET'S GO!



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## FOREWORDS

### EUROPEAN MARS CONVENTIONS

Every year the European branches of the Mars Society gather to sum up the progress made on the knowledge of Mars and the feasibility of its exploration. This is also the opportunity for specialists to share their experiences and ideas as well as spread their interest to the public at large.

In 2011, the Mars Society Switzerland will host the Convention. « EMC11 » will be the 11th European Mars Convention.

### NEUCHÂTEL

Mars Society Switzerland headquarter being in Neuchâtel, this is where EMC11 will take place. In 2011 the city is commemorating the millennium of the first written mention of its name and this event will be the opportunity for the city to express its interest for the Future. Indeed Neuchâtel, building on its history as the capital city of watch making, has nowadays become one of the world centers of Microtechnology which is a key industry for Space exploration.

### EMC11

EMC11 will take place within the premises of the Law School of the University of Neuchâtel ("UniNE"). During three days (from Friday Sept. 30th 2 p.m. till Sunday 2nd of October 4 p.m.), thirty experts mostly from Switzerland and France but also from other European countries and from the United States will present the most up to date picture of what you should know about Mars exploration. All fields will be covered: geology, exobiology, propulsion & rocketry, astronautics, microtechnologies and nanotechnologies, life support, psychology, medicine, architecture, economy, politics...

Dr Robert Zubrin, founder of the Mars Society, will be our guest of honor. On Friday evening, Olivier Dessibourg, head of the scientific team of the prestigious Swiss newspaper "Le Temps" will moderate a public debate on the manned exploration of Mars. Saturday evening, the City of Neuchâtel will welcome us in the majestic frame of its Musée d'Art et d'Histoire. On Sunday morning, the Austrian branch of the Mars Society will present a debriefing of its recent tests and experiments in the Rio Tinto area, well known for its Mars analogue environment and its extremophiles.

### PROGRAM

[www.planete-mars-suisse.com/crbst\\_82.html](http://www.planete-mars-suisse.com/crbst_82.html)

### ATTENDANCE

We welcome all persons interested in Mars Exploration. Payment of a registration fee is required (60CHF): [www.planete-mars-suisse.com/crbst\\_79.html](http://www.planete-mars-suisse.com/crbst_79.html)

### HOTEL RESERVATION

[www.planete-mars-suisse.com/crbst\\_79.html](http://www.planete-mars-suisse.com/crbst_79.html)

[www.hotel-des-arts.ch](http://www.hotel-des-arts.ch) (the hotel closest to the University)

[www.neuchateltourisme.ch](http://www.neuchateltourisme.ch)

### TRANSPORT

Once in Neuchâtel, any place will be accessible by foot. Trains will connect you to all major European cities and main Swiss airports.

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