Nominee for PS Section President at AOGS

I am excited and deeply committed to stand as a candidate for the position of President of the Planetary Science (PS) Section at AOGS. As a planetary scientist dedicated to the exploration and understanding of our Solar System and beyond, I bring over 15 years of international research experience, leadership, and active community engagement to this role.

Having served with NASA, ESA, and national scientific organizations, I have led initiatives that connect planetary science with technological innovation, interdisciplinary research, and public outreach. Currently, I am the Scientific Officer for Space Science and Exploration at the Greek space agency, I serve as President of the Planetary and Solar System Sciences Division of the European Geosciences Union (EGU), and as the National Delegate of Greece to the European Space Agency (ESA) for Human and Robotic Exploration and Science. These leadership experiences have taught me the importance of fostering an inclusive, vibrant scientific community that supports early-career scientists, promotes diversity, and bridges global collaborations.

If elected, I am committed to expanding the visibility and impact of the PS Section within AOGS and globally, strengthening opportunities for early-career researchers and underrepresented groups, encouraging interdisciplinary collaborations across sections by connecting planetary sciences with Earth, environmental, and space sciences, and promoting innovative session formats, workshops, and educational initiatives to grow the planetary science community across Asia, Oceania, and beyond. I am equally committed to listening actively to your needs and ideas to ensure that our community flourishes.

I believe AOGS is uniquely positioned to drive the future of planetary science through its diverse, dynamic, and growing community. I would be truly privileged to contribute to this vision as your PS Section President. Thank you for your consideration and your support.

Sincerely,
Dr. Anezina Solomonidou