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Introduction

In these conference proceedings, we address the current status of major space telescope flight programs, new concepts for systems and instruments under development, and enabling technologies for use in new or enhanced missions.

- The Proceedings volume begins with a large set of papers covering every aspect of the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) program. Specific emphasis is paid to this year's program on the execution and planning of JWST's integration and test program, now well under way and positioning the JWST on the road to launch in 2018.
- Far-IR programs covered in these Proceedings include Herschel's scientific performance and a description of the new project framework for the SPICA mission. The instrument designs under this new framework for SPICA are summarized together with their scientific drivers. Finally, a new specialized technique developed to exploit the Spitzer Space Telescope warm mission will help improve astrometry with Spitzer, while additional papers address the analysis of existing Spitzer data.
- Europe's flagship Dark Energy mission, Euclid, has been approved for implementation and is moving forward. The mission is well represented by descriptions of the program status and science requirements, complemented by detailed descriptions of the design and performance of the observatory and the baselined science instruments.
- Sessions on innovative concepts presented several new ideas for future very large-aperture optical/IR space telescopes designed to undertake a range of astrophysics missions, with a primary goal of characterizing terrestrial planets around nearby stars. Much of these sessions focused on high contrast imaging and the fabrication of large aperture, low-cost space telescope optics.

The conference theme was the “behind-the-scene processes” that have led or are leading projects from the drawing board to the sky. The diversity of papers presented in the conference demonstrate the wide range and difficulty of challenges encountered at every stage of the process, and the innovative approaches that must be employed to overcome those challenges and realize the opportunities that they also present.

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