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History in Space

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Abstract. The talk will be centered on the recent French edition of my book "Explorer l'espace pour remonter le temps" (Odile Jacob, Paris, 2006). It tells the story of some great Europeans who gave their names to well known scientific space missions of recent years. The missions are: ESA's Giotto, NASA's Galileo, ESA/NASA's Cassini, ASI's BeppoSax, NASA's RossiXTE and ESA's Bepi Colombo. The lives and times of Giotto di Bondone in the 14th century, of Galileo Galilei and Jean-Dominique Cassini in the 17th, and of Giuseppe Occhialini, Bruno Rossi and Giuseppe Colombo in the 20th will be presented, together with science highlights of their namesake missions. Italian, European and US history are presented as a background for the advancement of culture, as reflected in the naming of great space enterprises.

Additional Information

The seminars are given in the ISDC "Pavillon" building
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