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SAFETY, PERFORMANCE AND COMFORT ON EUROMOONMARS MDRS MISSION SIMULATION

Abstract

This paper presents the results of studies on living and working activities from the ILEWG EuroMoon-Mars campaign 2013 carried out at the Mars Desert Research Station (MDRS) in Utah to test exploration procedures in Analogue Moon/Mars Base Infrastructure. Inside the station the feasibility and limitations of human and robotic planetary exploration were investigated by two teams of six members (crew 124-125) for a period of two weeks.

The focus of this paper will be on presenting the analysis performed in 2013 by the crews on safety, performance, and comfort on living and working activities.

- The living conditions were investigated with:
 - Debriefing workshop in order to increase the crew's well-being and performance in isolation.
 - Impact of food cooked at MDRS on comfort.
- The working activities of the crew included:
 - The ergonomics and balance of transport and access to heavy hand tools on the simulation space suit.

- Development of an Arduino-based Device for Monitoring Internal EVA Helmet Temperature During EVA to Assess Crewmember Comfort and Safety.
- Testing and Perception of risk, realistic risk of injury, and knowledge of emergency procedures in a simulated Mars environment.
- Geo-scientific exploration and navigational methodology at a Mars simulated environment.
- Design and development of geological field equipment for use in space suit.
- ATV capability assessment at MDRS.

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