



Join us for a Wiki
edit-a-thon to
highlight diversity
in planetary
science.



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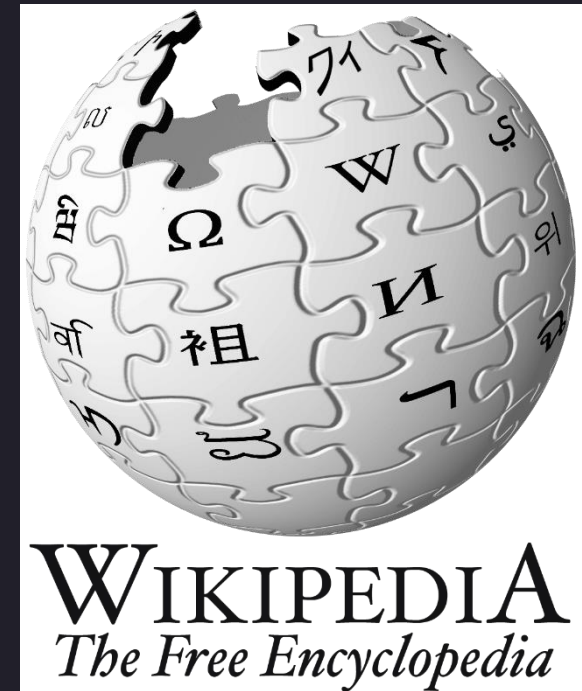
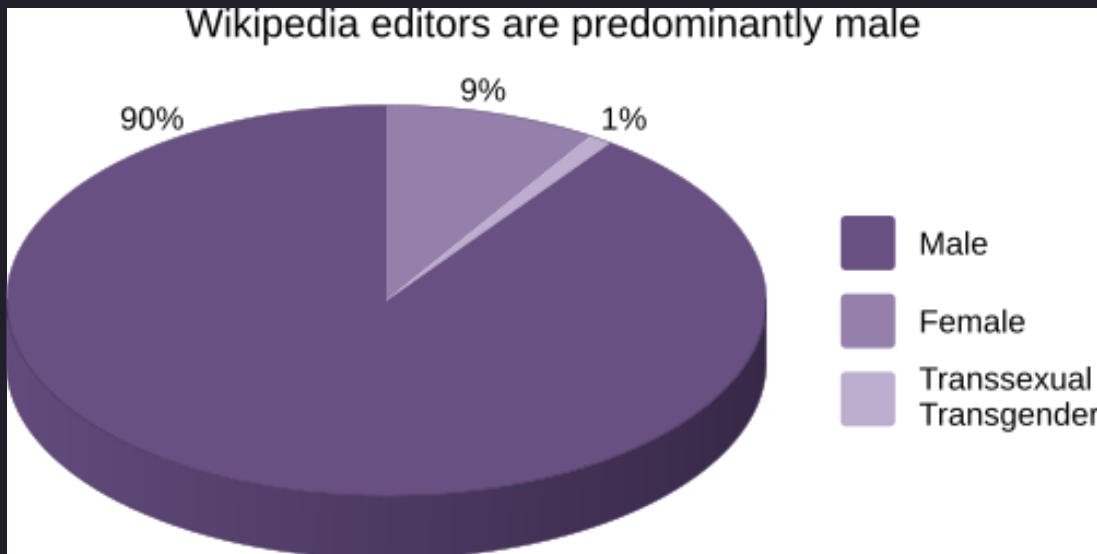
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Background

Wikipedia is an open source, web-based encyclopedia, and allows anonymous and registered users to edit and create articles. This means that anyone can create, edit and improve articles.

However, several studies have shown the **most of Wikipedia editors are male** (See Fig. below). In addition, there are fewer and less developed articles about women, especially in STEM [\[1\]](#).



(Women) planetary scientists on Wikipedia?

Today, Wikipedia is within the 20 most popular website [\[2\]](#) and every month it attracts more than 1 billion unique visitors [\[3\]](#).

Wikipedia can therefore give a huge contribution to change the perception the general public has about who is doing science and how a scientist looks like.

In June 2020, there were only **189** [planetary scientist](#) biographies on the English Wikipedia, including **48** biographies of **female planetary scientists** (25%). This percentage is in agreement with the percentage of women in the International Astronomical Union from all ESA's Member States (24%) [\[4\]](#), but planetary scientists are clearly underrepresented on Wikipedia. Many of them either do not have a Wikipedia biography yet, or if they do, they are often misclassified under the category of “astronomers” or “astrophysicists”.

EPSC2020 Planetary Science Wiki Edit-a-thon

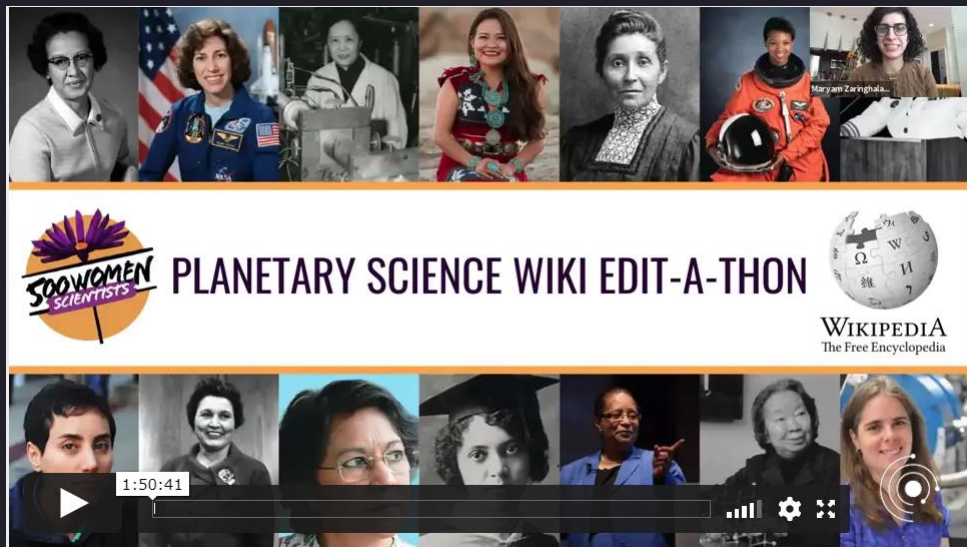


The [Diversity Committee](#) of the Europlanet Society aims to highlight diversity within the planetary science community. Therefore, they organised, in collaboration with [Women in Red](#), [WikiDonne](#), and [500 Women Scientists](#), the first **Planetary Science Wiki Edit-a-thon** during the Europlanet Science Congress (EPSC) 2020.

An **Edit-a-thon** ('edit marathon') is an organized event where editors from an online community (such as Wikipedia in this case) write, translate and improve articles on a specific topic.

The 1st EPSC Wiki Edit-a-thon!

The EPSC 2020 Planetary Science Wiki Edit-a-thon took place from
21 September – 9th October

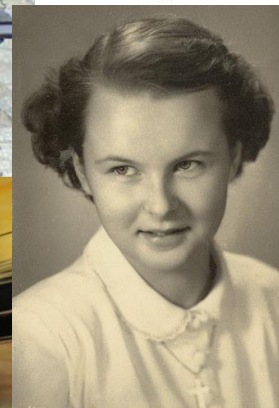


Special guests: **Camelia Boban** (WikiDonne), **Jessica Wade** (University of London, Wikipedia veteran), **Maryam Zaringhalam** (500 Women Scientists), **Rosie Stephenson-Goodknight** (Women in Red)

Thirty persons received a basic editing training during the Europlanet Science Congress 2020 (EPSC).

Monthly Planetary Science Wiki Edit-a-thon

A small group still meets every month to continue the project.
We created 1 new article and translated 19.





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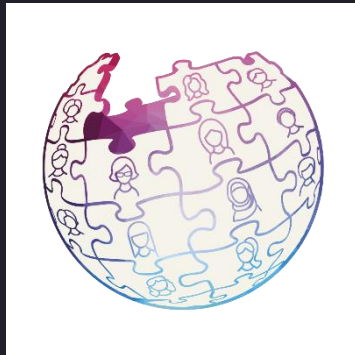


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