

The New Views of the Moon Lunar Initiative

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The 'New Views of the Moon' initiative was set up in 1998, with two primary aims: (1) to bring together the lunar community in order to identify and address key questions remaining in lunar science; and (2) to encourage the integration of remote sensing, sample and geophysical datasets in order to maximise the productivity of any collaborations resulting from this initiative. The Initiative has hosted two three day long workshops to this end, and recently held two special sessions the 31st Lunar and Planetary Science Conference in Houston, dedicated to the furtherance of our understanding of the thermal and physical evolution of the Moon. Communication between lunar scientists on a global scale has also been enabled through the introduction of a list server, providing e-mail access to experts in all areas of lunar research, and all members of the Initiative. The ultimate aim of the Initiative is to produce a keystone publication that will provide an introduction to all areas of lunar science and an overview of our current understanding of the Moon. This volume would provide a valuable reference for those wishing to undertake research using integrated datasets, and who therefore require an understanding of an area of lunar science in which they may not be familiar. It is hoped that tutorials and workshops will be planned for the future to continue the work of the Initiative, and we would like to hear from anyone willing to participate in these events.