

Short Curriculum Vitae of Athena Coustenis

Athena Coustenis is Director of Research with the French National Research Center, specialising in Planetology. Her research is devoted to the investigation of planetary atmospheres and surfaces, with emphasis on Titan, Saturn's largest satellite. She has also contributed to an effort to uncover the nature of the atmosphere surrounding the newly-found extrasolar planets. She has led many observational campaigns from the ground using large telescopes and with earth-orbiting observatories to conduct planetary investigations.

She is Co-Investigator of three of the instruments (CIRS, HASI, DISR) aboard the Cassini/Huygens space mission to Saturn and Titan, since 2004 and until 2017. She has been among the main proposers for studies of future new space missions to the Saturnian and Jovian systems.