

Welcome to the preview edition of the Analog Astronaut Research Journal (AARJ)!

Letter from the Editors

This edition gives our readers an exclusive glimpse into the idea behind our newly launched scientific journal.

The purpose of creating a dedicated peer-reviewed scientific journal for space analog and extreme environments research is to showcase the advancements being made in these areas in one easy to find location. We aim to highlight ongoing important science and activities in our community and provide an efficient way for you to get your research seen, without compromising on quality!

The idea for this journal was born in 2021 after the first Analog Astronaut Conference. As we reflected on the groundbreaking research being conducted in analog environments around the world, we realized there was no dedicated platform to share those findings broadly and inclusively.

That moment sparked a shared vision: a peer-reviewed, open-access journal celebrating the diverse work of analog

astronauts and our community to support the advancement of human space exploration.

This preview edition is just the beginning. We invite you to explore it, share it, and most importantly - help us shape what comes next. Your feedback, insights, and future submissions will guide the evolution of AARJ.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Warmly,

Jas Purewal and Jenni Hesterman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenni Hesterman', with a stylized initial 'JH' to the left.

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