

- [SA Poll of the Month: answer this month's question here](#) -

News and Announcement

[SATC]: [SATC Best Paper 2012 Results announced.](#)

[SATC]: [SATC Annual Report 2012 & metric score sheet](#) are now available for download.

[SATC]: **Reminder: Spacearchitect.org annual membership dues for 2013.**

[AIAA Space]: **January 31:** Abstract submission deadline for AIAA Space 2013 at San Diego, California.

[IAC]: **February 21:** Abstract submission deadline for the 64th IAC at Beijing, China.

[IAC]: **Call For Papers: [preliminary programme & information](#)** are now available for download.

mailing list highlights:

[Update on new SpaceArchitect.org web design: what do you think?](#)

Poll of the Month

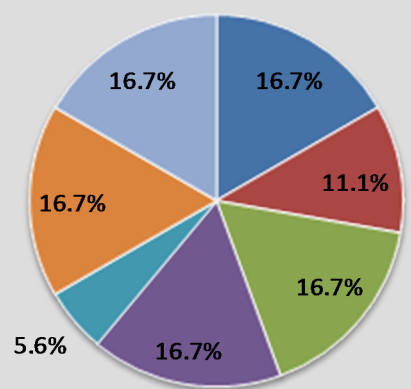
December 2012 Poll Results

The poll results suggested that while our community has plenty to wish for from the "Space Architecture Santa", there is not a particular item that is significantly more sought after than the other.

Beside of the more popular items listed in the adjacent chart, other "wishes" have also been mentioned, including a space architecture textbook, an initial space architecture standard and a space agency with a proper exploration plan.

If you would like to discuss or comment on this topic, you can start an email discussion thread [here](#).

- A Space Architecture design expo
- A new Space Architecture book
- A Space Architecture standard
- A Space Architect's pocket book
- A design competition
- Commissions / works
- Other



poll counts =18

January 2013 Question:

What do you think of the outlook for Space Architecture as a discipline in the new year ahead?

- Optimistic
- Pessimistic
- Neutral

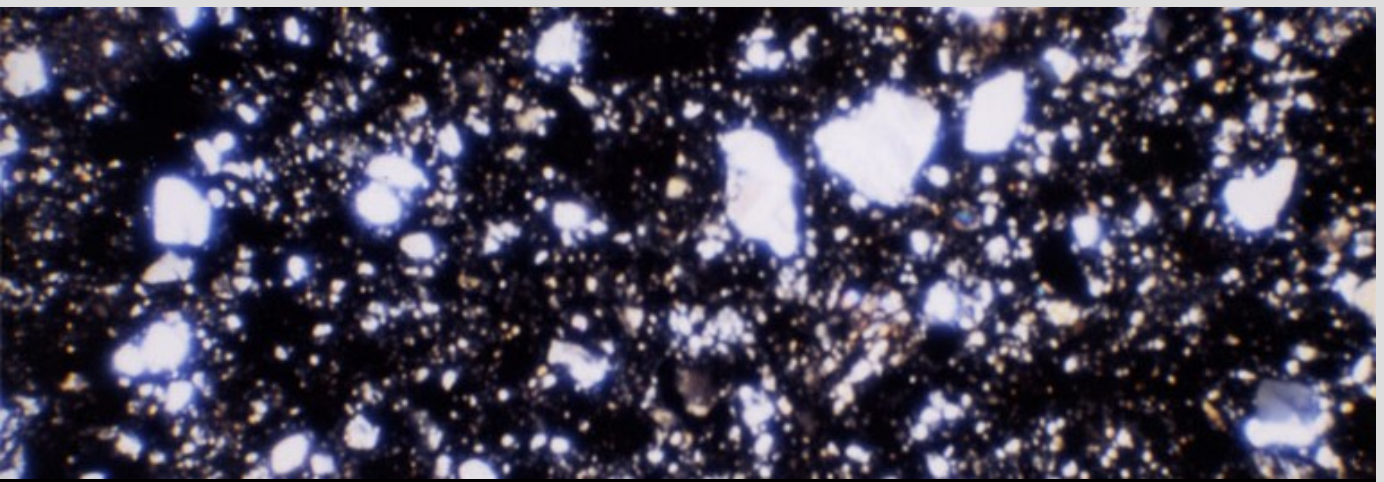
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Theme of the Month



Regolith

Apollo 16. Sample 68501,217. Cayley Fm, Descartes Region. Highland Regolith thin section. © Ian Slipper

5 articles can be found within the [spacearchitect.org](#) publication archive by searching under the keyword "regolith".

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