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Dear Professor Ruffini,

Cher Remo,

Thank you for letter of 16 April inviting me to participate in the opening of MG13, the thirteenth Marcel Grossmann Meeting, to be held in Stockholm on 1-8 July.

I am very sorry to inform you that unfortunately, due to other commitments during that period linked to the preparation of the upcoming ESA Ministerial Council, I cannot be present on 2 July for the opening session of your conference. I have however asked Prof. Alvaro Giménez, Director of Science and Robotic Exploration, to represent me at the event.

Regarding your request for a copy of the Planck satellite, to be exhibited in the Aula Magna of Stockholm University, I am pleased to let you know that the Directorate of Science and Robotic Exploration has already arranged to send a 1:4 model of Planck to Stockholm for this event.

Wishing you a fruitful meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Jean-Jacques Dordain