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Re: Special issue of Meteoritics and Planetary Science (MaPS) on 1969 events: falls of Allende and Murchison, and discovery of several finds in Antarctica

Dear Readers of and Contributors to MaPS:

The year 1969 is widely remembered on account of the Apollo 11 landing on the Moon during July of that year. However, 1969 was also notable in meteorites and planetary science because of the fall of Allende (CV3) in Mexico in February, the fall of Murchison (CM2) in Australia in September and the discovery of several Antarctic finds by a Japanese research expedition in December. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of these events, a special session was held at the 2019 Meteoritical Society Conference in Sapporo, Japan.

In light of the success of the special session in Sapporo, I have contacted several editors of the journal Meteoritics and Planetary Science (MaPS) and we are organizing a special issue of MaPS to recognize the importance of Allende and Murchison in planetary research, and the notion, not yet established in 1969, that Antarctic meteorites would provide a baseline of data for meteorite studies. We are seeking manuscript submissions related to Allende, Murchison, studies of the meteorites recovered in Antarctica in 1969 and studies that make broad use of Antarctic finds.

The deadline for initial submissions of manuscripts is December 15, 2019. We are planning to publish the special issue by late 2020, prior to the scheduled return of the Hayabusa-2 mission. Manuscripts will be reviewed and edited using standard procedures for MaPS. If you would like to submit a manuscript for the special issue, indicate your wish to do so in the cover letter accompanying your submission.

Sincerely yours,

Tim Fagan