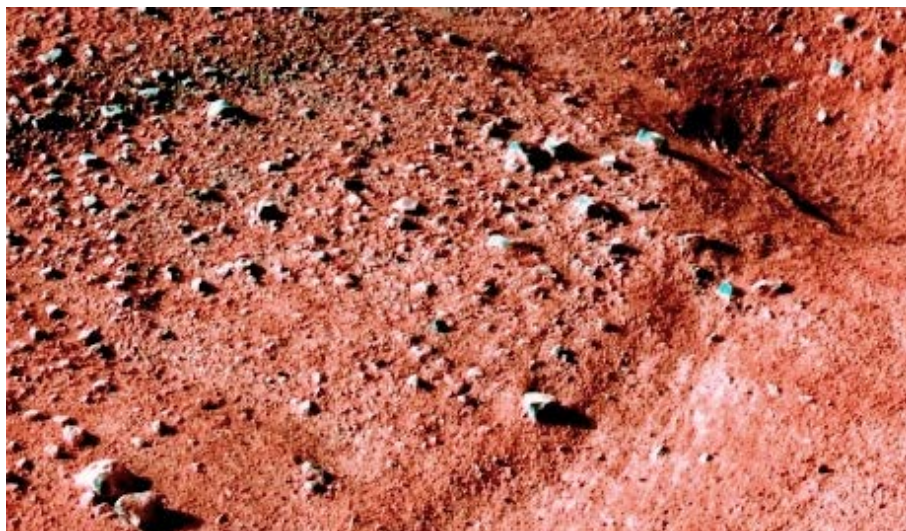


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Marsonauts in quarantine after “landing”

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A launch module carrying three members of the Mars-500 experiment who recently “landed” on the Red Planet has successfully docked with the interplanetary expedition complex.

Upon their return from the simulated Martian terrain, volunteers Alexander Smolejevsky, Diego Urbina and Wang Yue will stay in quarantine for the next few days.

Carried out at the Moscow Institute for Medical and Biological Problems (IMBP) and due to end by November 2011, the virtual flight includes three stages. These are: a 250-day “flight” from Earth to Mars, a 30- day “stay” on the Red Planet, and a 240-day “flight” home.