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The discovery of hundreds of "exoplanets" (planets orbiting other stars) has energized scientific research on:
- the formation and evolution of life,
- extremophile biology,
- the formation of planets,
- evolution of atmospheres,
- planet interiors, plate tectonics, the importance of magnetic fields as shields from solar particles,
- acquisition of volatile elements & retention of surface water,
- and the search for Earth-like planets.

It is quite possible that in the next decade, astronomers will find the first evidence for life on other planets.