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Prepared to manage extraterrestrial information or an extraterrestrial event.

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Our society is probably not yet prepared to handle information about an extraterrestrial event. Whether it is the discovery of life on another planet, starting with life on a planet we already know, Mars; whether it is signs of intelligence in a faraway place in the universe; whether it is the announcement of a collision of the Earth with an asteroid or a comet.

These phenomena could occur at diverse time or space scales. Astrobiology could reveal the existence of extraterrestrial life in a relatively short space-time domain; the discovery of ETI would deal with a relatively larger space-time domain and could be reduced to a sudden awareness of the situation; on the other side, the possibility of an incoming threatening celestial body would require the immediate intervention of international civil or military organisations to order necessary actions even if desperate ones.

However, all of these events have something in commun: our societies are not prepared to handle such crisis. How to prepare for such events? What model, what procedure can we propose? We have to keep in mind that communication can be biased, information can be kept secret. The secret can lead to mistrust and conflict. After such a discovery it is probable that the news will spread rapidly. It would be unpractical to come up with such an organisation; it would be more practical to prepare the existing organisations (civil and military, political and religious, philosophical and cultural) for such events.

This presentation will propose recommendations, and suggest rules in order to prepare our societies to handle such informations and if possible to manage the consequences that will arise and take appropriate actions.