

Russian investigations of the Moon by robotic space missions: goals and perspectives L.M Zelenyi¹
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Introduction: The Russian projects are presented which are included into the Federal Space Program for Moon exploration by robotic space missions. The goals of these missions are considered, which are mainly focused on understanding of the origin of the Moon, on studies of natural environment on the Earth's satellite and on exploration of possibilities of practical utilization of the lunar natural resources in the future. Perspectives of international cooperation are also discussed within the frames of these missions, as well as possibilities of implementation of joint missions for lunar exploration with another space agencies.