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Did life originate in space?

A handout photo provided by NASA on 20 December 2012 shows a festive-looking nearby planetary nebula called NGC 5189 photographed by using NASA's Hubble Space Telescope. Photo credit: © EPA/NASA/HUBBLE

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WASHINGTON (VOR) – In a discovery that challenges many traditional beliefs, Russian scientists have reached what is considered to be proof of the panspermia hypothesis that life on Earth began in space.

The experiments used to prove the theory were carried out on the spacecraft Bion M-1, which launched earlier this year.

Dmitry Wiebe, the head of the Department of Physics and Evolution of Stars at the Institute of Astronomy at the Russian Academy of Sciences, argues that while the results of these experiments are indeed fascinating, they are not necessarily final.

"I believe it is not conclusive. We need to find some real, living creatures on other planetary bodies or other bodies of the solar system or some fossils of past life and then maybe the evidence will be more conclusive, but we have to wait for it."

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