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UFO researchers meet in Brasilia

LONDON, Dec. 8 (UPI) _ Top UFO researchers from 27 countries gather in the Brazilian capital this week to take a serious look at Unidentified Flying Objects.

The 50 scholars believe their discipline merits U.N. recognition.

A BBC report cites a U.S. poll indicating popular belief in intelligent life on other planets is at an all-time high.

Most mainstream scientists scoff at the grainy photographs and stereotyped eyewitness accounts presented by so-called "ufologists" as evidence of alien visitations to Earth.

But the popularity of film and television space fiction testifies to the human willingness to believe.

Television's "The X-Files" series raised so many questions about "the Roswell incident" that the CIA took pains earlier this year to issue a final report on the mysterious sightings in the New Mexico desert in 1947.

The CIA said weather balloons were mistaken for UFOs, and crash test dummies for dead aliens.

The CIA's report may have fallen on deaf ears. A standard ufologist argument is that governments do not tell the truth about alien encounters.

Ufologists took heart from the discovery earlier this year of a meteorite from Mars that appeared to contain evidence of organic structures.

But not all scientists accepted NASA's conclusion that the "Mars rock" contained a fossilized micro-organism.

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