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About the Cover

A dramatic NASA Mars Express orbiter photo celebrates the genius of Edgar Rice Burroughs' series, set on the Red Planet that its inhabitants know as "Barsoom". Four teams of costumers presented their original designs for a fictitious *John Carter of Mars* movie, based on the first three books in the series, at BayCon 2009. Read about this unique event, starting with the guest editor's introduction on page 3