

**1st Information Circular  
22nd MEPAG Meeting  
March 17-18, 2010**

Letter of Invitation

Members of the Mars community,

I cordially invite you to attend the next meeting of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG), scheduled for March 17-18, 2010, at the DoubleTree Hotel, Monrovia, CA.

There have been many developments in the Mars program over the past few months and this meeting will focus on the implications of these as well as the overall status of Mars exploration. This meeting will include the first budget from the new administration, status and plans for current missions, and planning for future missions. This will also be the last MEPAG meeting to provide input to the Decadal Survey Mars Panel.

Key agenda topics will include:

- Discussion of Mars program status, budget, current missions, and forward planning.
- Input from ongoing SAGs, include the International SAG for the 2018 opportunity
- Mars Decadal Survey activities, as appropriate.
- Updates to MEPAG Goals I and IV.
- Planning for future MEPAG work.

The meeting is open to all members of the Mars science community, and I welcome our international colleagues. In addition, we will broadcast the meeting via WebEx for those who cannot attend in person.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Jack Mustard  
MEPAG Chair

WebEx directions will be provided in a later announcement.

### Basic Logistics

- Date: Wednesday, March 17 – 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.  
Thursday, March 18 – 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM
- Location: The DoubleTree Hotel Monrovia, 924 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, California, United States 91016. The hotel is located directly off the Huntington Drive exit of the 210 freeway, about 15 minutes east of JPL. Directions are available on the DoubleTree Hotel website <http://doubletree1.hilton.com/>.
- Hotel Reservation Information: The DoubleTree Hotel Monrovia (626-357-1900) is making 40 rooms available to us on Wednesday and 20 rooms on Thursday (rate of \$135/night). Rooms have high-speed Internet service. To secure a reservation, please contact the hotel directly and specify that you want the JPL rate and you will be attending the MEPAG meeting. The deadline when the hotel will release any unreserved rooms from the MEPAG block for general sale is March 2, 2010; however, it is best to make your reservation early.
- Additional Hotels: Other hotels in the area are listed below. Note we have not made any special arrangement with these hotels.
- Meeting RSVP: So that we can plan the meeting logistics (e.g., seating, morning and afternoon refreshments, name badges, handouts, etc.), we request that all participants RSVP by February 26, 2010 to Joyce Pulliam ([Joyce.N.Pulliam@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:Joyce.N.Pulliam@jpl.nasa.gov)). Please note that an RSVP is not required to attend the meeting, but primarily for planning purposes.

If you need additional information, please contact Charles Budney, MEPAG meeting coordinator, [charles.j.budney@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:charles.j.budney@jpl.nasa.gov), phone = 818-354-3981, FAX = 818-393-3035. If you have updates to the master MEPAG e-mail list (either correction of faulty e-mail addresses, addition of Mars science colleagues who have been inadvertently omitted), or deletions, please contact Joyce Pulliam ([Joyce.N.Pulliam@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:Joyce.N.Pulliam@jpl.nasa.gov)).

### Additional area hotels:

700 Huntington Hotel  
700 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016  
Phone: 626-357-5211

Hilton Garden Inn  
199 N. Second Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006  
Phone: 626-574-6900

Extended Stay America Arcadia  
401 E. Santa Clara St., Arcadia, CA 91006  
Phone: 626-446-6422

Homestead Studio Suites Monrovia  
930 S. Fifth Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016  
Phone: 626-256-6999

Embassy Suites  
211 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91006  
Phone: 626-445-8525

Residence Inn  
321 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91006  
Phone: 626-446-6500

Hampton Inn  
311 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91006  
Phone: 626-574-5600