

Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG)

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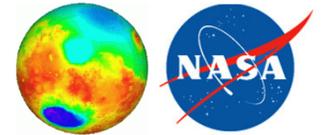
MEPAG Meeting

July 23, 2013

Lisa Pratt, MEPAG Chair

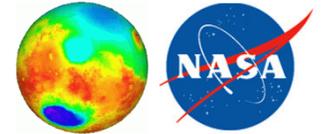
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Developments in Mars Exploration Since February 2013 MEPAG Meeting



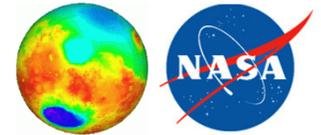
- Ongoing:
 - ❖ MSL Surface Operations & Extended Missions
 - ❖ MAVEN progressing to launch in November
- April 2013: President's FY14 budget released
- Ongoing: Response to President's FY14 budget release & sequestration
 - ❖ Difficult Budget Environment
 - ❖ FY13 Operation Plan implications if continuing resolution
 - ❖ Congress discussing restoration of some of the cut to PSD
- February - July 2013: 2020 Mars Rover Science Definition Team deliberations; final report released
 - Briefing on SDT report later this meeting
- Ongoing: 2020 Mars Rover pre-project/project activities
 - Briefing on 2020 mission activities later this meeting
- July 23: Here we are!
 - Lisa Pratt taking over from Dave Des Marais as MEPAG Chair

Goals for July 23 MEPAG Meeting



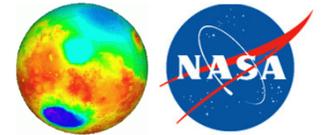
1. Bring the community up to date on the Science Mission Directorate's Mars strategic planning
 - ❖ 2020 Science Definition Team (SDT) report
 - ❖ SMD plans now that the SDT report is delivered
2. Understand the latest budget implications for the Planetary Program, including Mars
 - ❖ SMD budget planning for continuing missions and R&A
3. Touch on the new conference, travel, and EPO policies
4. Capture the community's reaction to all of the above for the NAC-Planetary Science Subcommittee
5. Future Activities
 - ❖ Discuss potential topics the MPO might want MEPAG to study
 - ❖ Next MEPAG meeting: October, Denver?
 - Forum to start new SAG activities

MEPAG Agenda, July 23, 2013



Agenda for MEPAG web meeting of July 23, 2013

<u>Start</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Meeting Day: Tuesday, July 23, 2013			
All Times are EDT (PDT + 3hrs)			
11:00 AM	0:15	Welcome; Desired Outcomes; Agenda	L. Pratt, MEPAG Chair
11:15 AM	0:10	Introduction to 2020 Rover SDT Activity	M. Meyer
11:25 AM	1:30	Report of the 2020 Rover SDT	J. Mustard et al.
12:55 PM	0:30	NASA: Status & Future of MEP	J. Grunsfeld/J. Green
01:25 PM	0:30	Discussion: MEPAG response to 2020 vision; MEP direction and budgets	L. Pratt to lead
01:55 PM	0:15	Mars Program Mission Status	F. Li
02:10 PM	0:10	Update from 2020 Rover project	J. McNamee
02:20 PM	0:10	InSight Status	B. Banerdt
02:30 PM	0:10	Impacts of New EPO Policy	P. Christensen
02:40 PM	0:20	Discussion: MEPAG response to EPO, Conferences, Travel	L. Pratt to lead
03:00 PM	0:10	Comet Observations from Mars	R. Zurek
03:10 PM	0:20	Discussion/Future Planning for MEPAG	L. Pratt, MEPAG Chair
03:30 PM		Adjourn	



Next MEPAG meeting

Proposed: Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2013

Proposed: Denver, Colorado

(right after the GSA meeting)