

2nd Information Circular
29th MEPAG Meeting
May 13-14, 2014
Washington, DC, USA

Letter of Invitation

Members of the Mars community,

I cordially invite you to attend the 2014 face-to-face meeting of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG), scheduled for 1.5 days, May 13-14, 2014, at the Crystal City Marriott in the Washington, DC area.

There have been many developments in Mars exploration over the past year: Discoveries by Curiosity and other operating Mars missions, the release of the AO and the receipt of instrument proposals for the 2020 Mars Rover, the launches of NASA's MAVEN and ISRO's MOM missions to Mars, the implications for Mars and Planetary Science of the passage of the FY14 budget and release of the President's proposed FY15 budget, and the developing vision of human exploration at Mars.

This meeting will report on the implications of these events as well as the overall status of Mars exploration. Further, there will be a report from the ongoing MEPAG Special Regions Science Analysis Group.

Thus, key discussion topics will include:

- Discussion of the status of Mars exploration by NASA and other space agencies
- Interaction with the Human program (HEOMD)
- Report from the MEPAG Special Regions SAG
- Report on NASA and ESA landing site selection activities

A detailed agenda will be published in the MEPAG newsletter, and also posted on the MEPAG website. This meeting will be followed, in the same venue, by the First Landing Site Workshop for the 2020 Mars Rover mission.

The meeting is open to all members of the Mars science community and I welcome our international colleagues. We will also broadcast the meeting via Adobe Connect for those who cannot attend in person. Instructions on how to access the meeting via Adobe Connect are included at the end of this circular.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Washington!

Sincerely,
Professor Lisa Pratt
MEPAG Chair

Basic Logistics

- Date: Tuesday, May 13 – 8:30 AM until 5:30 PM.
Wednesday, May 14 – 8:00 AM until 11:30 AM.
- Location: Marriott Crystal City
1999 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202
(703) 413-5500
- Hotel Reservation Information: A block of rooms reserved at the rate of \$224.00 per night plus tax on a first-come, first-serve basis. To make a reservation, please either call the Crystal City Marriott at (800) 228.9290 and refer to block MEPAG Face to Face or mffmffa.

- AdobeConnect Directions for the MEPAG Meeting

Date: May 13-16, 2014

Time: 8:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time (EDT) (New York, GMT-05:00)

1. Go to:

<http://connect.arc.nasa.gov/mepag/>

If you are a NASA employee, you can use your NDC credentials to login (just like NASAwebmail).

If not please follow the instructions below:

2. Select the radio box next to

"Enter as Guest"

3. Please provide your full name and affiliation for our records.

4. Click

"Enter Room"

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NOTE: The meeting begins at 8:30 AM EDT.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: This Adobe Connect service includes a feature that allows audio streaming.

TO SETUP THE STREAMING AUDIO:

Audio will automatically stream through your speakers. **Please type any questions in the chat.**

If you need additional information, please contact Amy Hale, MEPAG meeting coordinator (amy.s.hale@jpl.nasa.gov, phone (818)393-1186). 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 Carla de la Paz (Paz@jpl.nasa.gov)

Agenda for MEPAG meeting of May 13-14, 2014 in Washington, DC

Start Time Agenda Item (as of 04/24/2014)

Note: All speakers should include time for discussion. All times are EDT

Day 1 – Tuesday, May 13, 2014

08:30 AM	0:15	Welcome; Desired Outcomes of this Meeting, Introduction to the Agenda	L. Pratt, MEPAG Chair
08:45 AM	0:30	NASA: Status & Future of MEP	J. Grunsfeld/J. Green
09:15 AM	0:30	Mars science	M. Meyer
09:45 AM	0:15	Break	
10:00 AM	0:30	Status of NASA led operating and developmental missions	R. Gibbs
10:30 AM	0:30	HEOMD plans, interactions	J. Connolly (TBC)
11:00 AM	0:30	Discussion: MEPAG response to NASA directions and budget	L. Pratt to lead
11:30 AM	1:30	Lunch	
01:00 PM	0:20	European Perspective/ExoMars planning	R. de Groot
01:20 PM	0:20	India Mars Orbiter Mission	TBD
01:40 PM	0:20	Japanese missions	T. Satoh (TBC)
02:00 PM	0:20	MAVEN Mission	B. Jakosky et al.
02:20 PM	0:20	I-MARS	L. May
02:40 PM	0:20	Break	
03:00 PM	2:00	MEPAG Special Regions SAG Report	J. Rummel
05:00 PM	0:30	Day 1 discussion and wrap-up	L. Pratt, MEPAG Chair
05:30 PM		Adjourn	

Day 2 – Wednesday, May 14, 2014

08:00 AM	0:30	Agenda and actions for today; follow-up on Special Regions presentation	L. Pratt, MEPAG Chair
08:30 AM	0:30	Update from 2020 Rover project	J. McNamee/K. Farley
09:00 AM	0:30	Mars Returned Sample Quality Workshop Report	D. Beaty/Y. Liu
09:30 AM	0:15	Break	
09:45 AM	0:25	The 2016 InSight Mission & L/S Process	B. Banerdt/M. Golombek
10:10 AM	0:20	Preview of 2020 Landing Site Workshop	J. Grant/M. Golombek
10:30 AM	0:30	ExoMars landing site process	J. Vago
11:00 AM	0:30	MEPAG Items: Next Meetings, future SAG candidates, wrap-up	L. Pratt
11:30 AM	1:30	Adjourn / Lunch	
01:00 PM		Start of Mars landing site workshop	M. Golombek/J. Grant