

2nd Information Circular

13th MEPAG Meeting

February 16-17, 2005

Primary Meeting Objectives:

1. Communicate status of the Mars program
2. Discuss the NASA Roadmapping process and the Mars Roadmapping committee
3. Review results from the Mars Sample Return Science Steering Group that has been revisiting the science requirements for the MSR mission
4. Review results from the Mars Human Precursor SSG and the revision of the "human exploration" component of the Mars Science Goals and Objectives document

Who should attend?

Participation is open to all scientists/engineers involved in Mars exploration, including international colleagues. Since this is a 'working' meeting, it is not open to members of the press; however, if there is interest we can make people available for interviews afterwards.

Basic Logistics:

- Dates: February 16-17, 2005. Start at 8:30 AM on February 16, end at 3 PM on February 17.
- Location: The Hyatt Arlington, 1325 Wilson Blvd., (703) 525-1234, in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area.

Agenda

Agenda for MEPAG meeting of Feb. 16-17, 2005			
Start	Time	Agenda Item	
<u>Wed., Feb. 16, 2005</u>			
8:00	0:30	Coffee	
8:30	0:20	Call to order, meeting introduction	B. Jakosky
8:50	0:45	Mars Program Director's comments, FY06 budget	D. McCuiston
9:35	0:45	Mars Exploration Program Update	F. Naderi
10:20	0:15	Break--morning, Day One	
10:35	0:25	MEP Science Update, current challenges/requests	M. Meyer
11:00	1:00	Roadmapping process--update	McCleese

12:00	1:15	Lunch--Day One	
13:15	0:35	International updates	Various
		Report of the MSR SSG	MacPherson
13:50	0:10	MacPherson Introduction (10 minutes)	
14:00	0:25	Subgroup #1 (Leshin) (15 mins + 10 mins discussion)	Leshin
14:25	0:25	Subgroup #2 (Shearer) (15 mins + 10 mins discussion)	Shearer
14:50	0:25	Subgroup #3 (Papanastassiou) (15 mins + 10 mins discussion)	Papanastassiou
15:15	0:25	Subgroup #4 (Mahaffy) (15 mins + 10 mins discussion)	Mahaffy
15:40	0:15	Break--afternoon Day One	
15:55	0:25	Conclusion and summary of findings (MacPherson) (25 minutes)	MacPherson
16:20	0:15	Discussion by Meyer of Sample Definition Team, and MSR Science Working Group	Meyer
16:35	0:25	General discussion:	
17:00	0:30	Open Mars Journal	Dave Paige
17:30		ADJOURN	
<u>Thur., Feb. 17, 2005</u>			
7:30	0:30	Coffee	
8:00		Report of the MHP SSG (revision of Goal IV)	
8:00	0:20	ESMD update and MHP SSG Introduction (Connolly) (20 mins)	Connolly
8:20	0:45	Proposed revisions to Goal IVa (Beaty) (45 minutes)	Beaty
9:05	0:45	Proposed revisions to Goal IVb (Hinners) (45 minutes)	Hinners
9:50	0:40	General Discussion:	Group
10:30	0:15	Break--morning, Day Two	
10:45	0:30	Status report on LEAG	Jeff Taylor
11:15	0:45	Mars Outreach	M. Viotti
12:00	1:15	Lunch--Day two	
13:15	0:45	Mars Technology Program	S. Hayati
14:00	1:00	Planning the next 9 months for MEPAG	Jakosky
		Proposed 2005 SSG activity	
		Planned work by the Goals Committee	
		Issues from the floor	
15:00		ADJOURN	

RSVP needed:

So that we can plan the meeting logistics (e.g., seating, food and beverage, name badges), we request that all participants RSVP by January 31 to Debbie Calderón at Debbie.Calderon@jpl.nasa.gov; or (818) 354-9470). She also would like a count of those planning to stay at the Hyatt Arlington.

Hotel:

The Hyatt Arlington has reserved 70 rooms for MEPAG at the government rate of \$153. The deadline for booking your reservations has been extended to Monday, January 31, *but please reserve early* in case we need to request additional rooms, as space is filling up. Rooms have free high-speed Internet service.

For reservations: <http://arlington.hyatt.com/groupbooking/jetp>

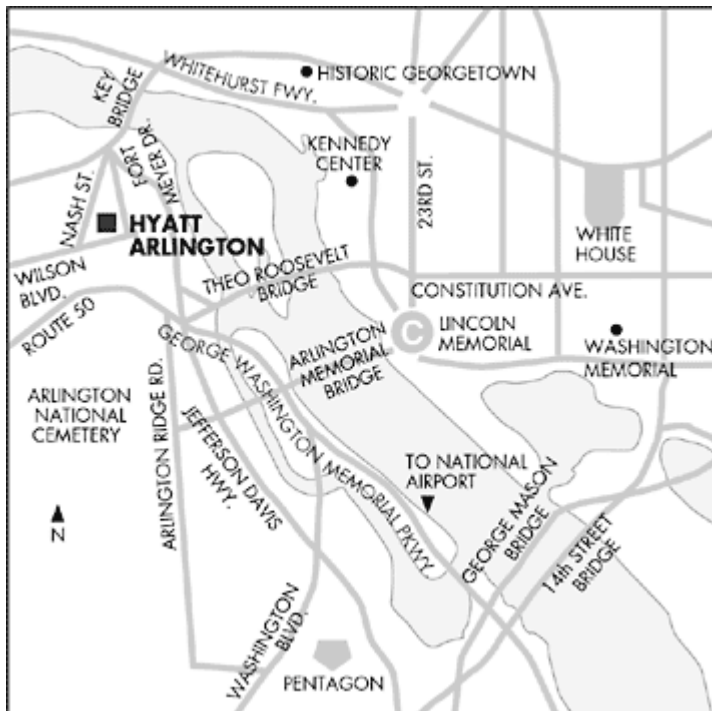
For general information on the hotel and the surrounding area (including an area map): <http://arlington.hyatt.com/property/index.jhtml>

Travel:

The hotel is located 4 miles from Washington National (Ronald Reagan) Airport (DCA), 23 miles from Dulles (IAD), and 0.2 miles from the Rosslyn Metro station, which stop is on the same Metro line as National Airport. Georgetown is a 1.5 mile walk across the Key Bridge.

Directions:

From National Airport (4 miles): take the Metro to the Rosslyn station (no transfer is needed). By car, follow exit signs to Route 110 North, which becomes Wilson Blvd. The hotel is 4 blocks up on the right side. From Dulles Airport, go east on the airport access road to VA 267 east, to I-66 east, then exit #72, right on I-29, right on Fort Myer Drive, and then right on Wilson.



Posters: For this meeting, we have not made arrangements for poster displays.

If you need additional logistical information, please contact Terry Martin, MEPAG meeting coordinator, Terry.Z.Martin@jpl.nasa.gov, phone = (818) 354-2178, FAX = (818) 393-4619.

If your correspondence/contact information (your affiliation name, mailing address, phone and fax numbers, preferred email address) has changed within the past year or so please forward the information to Debbie (Debbie.Calderon@jpl.nasa.gov), so we can maintain the MEPAG contact database. This database has now grown to about 1700 names—hard copies will be distributed at the meeting.