

2nd 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

DRAFT Agenda for MEPAG meeting of March 17 & 18, 2010 in Monrovia, CA			
Start	Time	Agenda Item	
Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all time speakers should assume that 30-50% of their time allocation is for discussion.			
Day 1 – Wednesday March 17, 2010			
08:30 AM	00:15	Welcome; MEPAG Purpose, Scope, Expected Results	J. Mustard
08:45 AM	00:45	Mars Program Director's Comments	D. McCuiston
09:30 AM	00:45	ESA's Mars Exploration Activities	M. Coradini
10:15 AM	00:15	Break	
10:30 AM	00:30	Mars Program Status	F. Li
11:00 AM	00:45	Mars Program Lead Scientist's Comments	M. Meyer
11:45 AM	00:15	Decadal Survey Mars Panel	P. Christensen
12:00 PM	01:30	Lunch	
01:30 PM		Reports on Mission Planning Activity	
01:30 PM	00:45	Mars Sample Return (three element architecture)	TBD
02:15 PM	00:45	<i>2018 Mission (MAX-C, ExoMars, etc.)</i>	C. Salvo/A. Elfving
03:00 PM	00:15	Break	
03:15 PM	00:45	<i>2 Rover International SAG (2R-iSAG)</i>	F. Westall/J. Grant
04:00 PM	00:30	<i>Mars Network SAG</i>	B. Banerdt, T. Spohn
04:30 PM	00:30	<i>Discussion</i>	
05:00 PM	00:15	Day 1 wrap-up	J. Mustard
05:15 PM		Adjourn	
Day 2 – Thursday March 18, 2010			
08:00 AM	00:10	Recap of yesterday and goals for today	J. Mustard
08:10 AM		MEPAG Goals Update	
08:10 AM	00:20	MEPAG Goals summary	J. Johnson
08:30 AM	00:45	MEPAG Goals I update	T. Hoehler/F. Westall
09:15 AM	01:00	MEPAG Goals IV update	D. Lim/A. Tripathi
10:15 AM	00:15	Break	
10:30 AM	00:40	TBD	TBD
11:10 AM	00:20	Mars Climate Modelling Center	M. Meyer/R. Zurek/TBC
11:30 AM	01:30	Lunch	
01:00 PM		Workshop reports	
01:00 PM	00:20	Mars Dust	TBD
01:20 PM	00:20	Geological Mapping of Mars	K. Tanaka/G. Ori
01:40 PM	00:20	Mars methane	J. Vago
02:00 PM	00:45	Landing site update	M. Golombek/J. Grant
02:45 PM	00:15	Future Planning for MEPAG Activities	J. Mustard
03:00 PM		Adjourn	

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. You can also go online and reserve a room in the MEPAG room block. The web address is http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/LAXMVDT-JPL-20100313/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
- 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). 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, 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).

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