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26th MEPAG Meeting
October 4, 2012
Monrovia, CA, USA

Letter of Invitation

Members of the Mars community,

I cordially invite you to attend the 26th meeting of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG), scheduled for October 4, 2012, at the [DoubleTree Hotel](#) in Monrovia, CA.

There have been many developments related to NASA's Mars exploration since our last MEPAG meeting in February, 2012. This meeting will focus on the implications, potential future plans, and recent science updates. .

Key discussion topics will include:

- Results from the Mars Program Planning Group (MPPG)
- Discussion of Mars program status, budget, current missions, and forward planning.
- Reporting from the joint MEPAG/SBAG Precursor Strategic Analysis Group (P-SAG)
- Current interactions with the Human Exploration organization (HEOMD)
- Summary of scientific objectives and plans for the Discovery Program's InSight mission, which was recently selected by the SMD AA.
- Reports on major recent Mars-themed scientific conferences.
- Planning for future MEPAG work.

The meeting is open to all members of the Mars science community including our international colleagues. We will also broadcast the meeting via WebEx for those who cannot attend in person.

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

Sincerely,
Dr. David Des Marais
MEPAG Chair

Basic Logistics

- Date: Thursday, October 4 – 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.
- Location: Double Tree Hotel
924 W. Huntington Drive
Monrovia, CA 91016
(626) 357-1900
- Lodging: See below for list of additional area 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 **September 28, 2012**, 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. 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

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

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

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

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

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

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