

Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG)

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MEPAG Meeting
February 27, 2013
web meeting

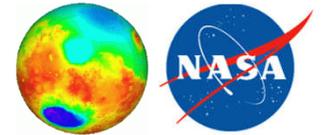


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David Des Marais, MEPAG Chair

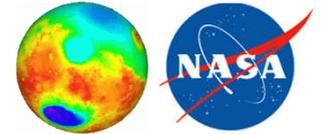
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Developments in Mars Exploration Since October 2012 MEPAG Meeting



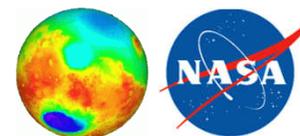
- Ongoing: MSL Surface Operations
 - ❖ Status report from R. Gibbs
- Ongoing: Response to President's FY13 budget release
 - ❖ Inadequate funding for Decadal Survey's recommendations
 - ❖ Congressional support expressed for restoring some of the cut
- December 2012: Mars 2020 Rover mission announced by John Grunsfeld at AGU
- December 2012: J. Green becomes acting MEP Director following D. McCuistion's resignation
 - ❖ Thanks Doug for all your years of good service to MEP!
- January 2013: 2020 Mars Rover Science Definition Team is chartered and begins work
 - ❖ Update on SDT activities later this meeting
- February 27: MEPAG Meeting!
 - ❖ Converted the face-to-face meeting in DC to this web meeting in light of delayed budget decisions & travel restrictions

Goals for Feb. 27 MEPAG Meeting



1. Understand the latest budget implications for the Planetary Program, including Mars
2. Bring the community up to date on the Science Mission Directorate's Mars strategic planning
 - ❖ SMD budget planning for continuing missions and R&A
 - ❖ 2020 Science Definition Team (SDT) status and schedule
 - ❖ SMD plans once the SDT report is delivered (mid-summer)
 - ❖ Current Human Exploration (HEOMD) plans
3. Hear reports from recent community workshops
4. Capture the community's reaction to all of the above for the NAC-Planetary Science Subcommittee
5. Discuss how to respond to any analysis requests
 - ❖ There may be both near-term and longer-term actions that MEPAG should take

MEPAG Agenda, Feb 27, 2013



Agenda for MEPAG web meeting of February 27, 2013

Electronic Meeting (Adobe Connect): 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. EST

Start Time Agenda Item

Meeting Day: Wednesday, February 27, 2013		All Times are EST (PST + 3hrs)	
11:00 AM	0:15	Welcome; Desired Outcomes; Agenda	D. Des Marais, MEPAG Chair
11:15 AM	0:45	NASA: Status & Future of MEP	J. Grunsfeld/J. Green
12:00 PM	0:30	2020 Rover SDT	J. Green/M. Meyer
12:30 PM	0:20	Discussion	
12:50 PM	0:30	Continuing Mission Status/Plans (MSL etc.)	R. Gibbs
01:20 PM	0:20	HEO plans, possibilities, and priorities	B. Drake for M. Wargo
01:40 PM	0:20	Report on the The Present-Day Habitability of Mars Workshop	D. Paige
02:00 PM	1:00	Discussion/Future Planning for MEPAG Activities	D. Des Marais, MEPAG Chair
03:00 PM		Adjourn	