

# Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG)

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## Welcome to the 30<sup>th</sup> MEPAG Meeting!

February 24-25, 2015

Lisa Pratt, MEPAG Chair

*Slopes of Mt. Sharp*

*Pahrump Hills*

*Murray Formation*

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## Tuesday, February 24, 2015

- 08:15 AM Welcome, *L. Pratt*  
08:35 AM NASA: MEP Status/Mars Future plans, *J. Watzin*  
09:30 AM HEOMD plans, interactions, *B. Bussey/R. Davis*  
10:00 AM MEPAG response to NASA presentations, *L. Pratt*
- 10:20 AM Break*
- 10:40 AM Mars Science, *M. Meyer* (call-in)  
11:00 AM NASA MEP Mission Status, *F. Li*  
11:25 AM Update from 2020 Rover project, *K. Farley*
- 12:00 PM Lunch*
- 01:30 PM European Perspective/ExoMars planning,  
*R. de Groot*
- 02:00 PM Japanese Mars Planning, *H. Miyamoto*  
02:15 PM Emerging Technologies/Mission Capabilities,  
*C. Whetsel/R. Lock*
- 02:45 PM Break*
- 03:15 PM MEPAG Goals Revision , *V. Hamilton & Goals  
Committee Members*
- 05:45 PM Day 1 discussion and wrap-up, *L. Pratt*
- 06:00 PM Adjourn*

## Wednesday, February 25, 2015

- 08:00 AM Agenda and actions for today; follow-up on Goals presentation; future activities, *L. Pratt*  
09:00 AM MAVEN Early Results & Prospects, *D. Brain*  
09:40 AM MOM Early Progress, *R. Zurek*
- 10:00 AM Break*
- 10:20 AM The 2016 InSight Mission & L/S Process,  
*B. Banerdt/M. Golombek*
- 10:50 AM Future Landing Site Observing, *J. Grant/  
M. Golombek*
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*R. Davis*
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### To update

- Online form: <http://goo.gl/forms/WilmhP1M9V>  
(also linked on MEPAG website)

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Be ready to discuss Tuesday's presentations and MEPAG's response (possible Tiger Teams/SAGs)!



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## **DISCUSSIONS – START OF DAY 2**

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## ***NASA HQ presentations***

- This discussion, please focus on Watzin's topics.
- Later today (11:35), we will discuss Bussey and Davis' topics.

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## ***MEPAG Response to Proposed Program for 2020s***

### **Next Orbiter SAG**

NASA HQ has requested an analysis of the potential objectives for a 2022/24 multipurpose Mars orbiter.

- We assume the mission has collective goals:
  - Refresh infrastructure support (including telecommunications and landing site survey),
  - Reconnaissance for science of special regions and other high-priority objectives as defined in the 2015 MEPAG Goals document,
  - Resource identification in anticipation of future human missions to Mars,
  - Technical demonstration (in orbit) of functions to support sample return and other future missions.
- MEPAG is prepared to carry out this analysis.
  - Charter for a HEO/SMD jointly sponsored SAG is in work.
  - Will kickoff with Tiger Team to refine agenda and help with FY17 budget preparations.
  - Anticipate formation of the full-SAG following LPSC.
  - If interested, contact Rich Zurek and Serina Diniega.

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### **Human Science Objectives SAG**

NASA HQ has requested an analysis of the potential science objectives for a landed human mission on Mars. In particular: to assess how humans can be used to enhance science, estimate our level of scientific knowledge at time of landing, and characterize and prioritize the science goals.

- MEPAG is prepared to carry out this analysis.
  - Charter for a HEO/SMD jointly sponsored SAG is in final stages.
  - Anticipate team formation in the next few weeks.
  - Will provide input into HLS<sup>2</sup> (presented by B. Bussey/R. Davis).



## MEPAG Goals Revisions

19 March: Poster at LPSC (Hamilton et al., abstract #2543)

**20 March: Comments due**

~1 May: Release of Final 2015 Goals Document

- Please provide written justification for any proposed changes.
- E-mail Vicky ([hamilton@boulder.swri.edu](mailto:hamilton@boulder.swri.edu)) or [mepagmeetingqs@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:mepagmeetingqs@jpl.nasa.gov), or annotate a printed copy.