

**2nd Information Circular**  
**32nd MEPAG Meeting**  
**October 6, 2016**  
**Virtual meeting**

Members of the Mars community,

I cordially invite you to participate in the 32nd meeting of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG), scheduled as a virtual meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 8:30am-12:30pm PDT.

Included below is the Adobe Connect information and current draft agenda. Further updates (including any updates to the agenda) will be posted on the MEPAG meeting website (<http://mepag.nasa.gov/meetings.cfm>).

Key discussion topics will include:

- Reports from the Mars Exploration Program on budget, current missions, and studies for future Mars missions;
- Updates on Human Exploration and Operations (HEO) activities;
- Report on the planetary science community-wide survey of Participating Scientist programs;
- New membership within the MEPAG Goals and Executive Committee;
- Report from the recent conference on “Biosignature Preservation and Detection in Mars Analog Environments”;
- Upcoming MEPAG activities, including the next face-to-face MEPAG meeting (No. 33) in early 2017.

The meeting is open to all members of the Mars science community including our international colleagues. I look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeffrey R. Johnson  
MEPAG Chair

## MEPAG virtual meeting: October 6, 2016

*Electronic meeting (Adobe Connect): 8:30am-12:30pm PDT*

*Agenda (as of August 29, 2016)*

Times shown are PDT, all presenters should include time for discussion

<u>Start</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Title/topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
8:30	0:30	Past and ongoing MEPAG activities	J. Johnson, MEPAG Chair
9:00	0:45	MEP status and questions	J. Watzin
9:45	1:00	Mars Science and Mars Science activities	M. Meyer
10:45	0:15	Report on survey of Participating Scientist programs	L. Prockter
11:00	0:15	Questions	
11:15	0:20	Report on Biosignatures Conference	D. Beaty, L. Hays
11:35	0:15	Humans to Mars update	B. Bussey
11:50	0:30	Upcoming MEPAG activities	J. Johnson, R. Zurek, D. Beaty
12:20	0:10	Wrap-up	J. Johnson
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### Adobe Connect Directions for the MEPAG Meeting

**Date: October 6, 2016**

**Time: 8:30 AM-12:30 PM, Pacific Daylight Time (PDT / UTC-7)**

1. Go to: <https://ac.arc.nasa.gov/mepag>
2. Log in:
  - If you are a NASA employee, you can use your NDC credentials to login (just like NASA webmail).
  - If you are not a NASA employee:
    - Select the radio box next to "Enter as Guest"
    - Please provide your full name and affiliation for our records.
    - Click "Enter Room"
3. IMPORTANT NOTICE: This Adobe Connect service includes a feature that allows the audio streaming automatically through your speakers. This is how you can listen to the speakers.
4. TO ASK A QUESTION: Please type any questions in the chat. We will collect and relay the questions to the speakers at the end of presentations, and during Question period(s).

If you need additional information or assistance, please contact Dr. Serina Diniega, MEPAG Meeting 32 coordinator ([serina.diniega@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:serina.diniega@jpl.nasa.gov), phone 818-393-1487 – *email is best*). If you have updates to the master MEPAG e-mail list (correction of email address, addition of Mars science colleagues who have been inadvertently omitted) please fill out the online form: <http://goo.gl/forms/WiImhP1M9V> (also linked on the MEPAG website <http://mepag.nasa.gov/>, under Updates).