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34th MEPAG Meeting
July 10th, 2017
Virtual Meeting

Members of the Mars community,

I cordially invite you to participate in the 34th meeting of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG), scheduled as a 2-hour virtual meeting on July 10th, 2017, 8:30am-10:30am PDT.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) has convened a committee to conduct a “*Review of Progress Toward Implementing the Decadal Survey Vision and Voyages for Planetary Sciences.*” This “mid-term review” includes a requirement to assess the Mars exploration architecture within the planetary science program. MEPAG perspectives and initial concerns were presented to the committee at their first meeting on May 4, 2017.

The purpose of this MEPAG virtual meeting is to report to the Mars community recent MEPAG activities, and to preview MEPAG materials to be presented to the NASEM committee at their July 13 meeting. This will include discussion on a statement of concern regarding the state of Mars exploration in the light of the President’s FY18 budget and other considerations. A tentative agenda for the virtual meeting is:

- Past and ongoing MEPAG Activities
- Invited MEPAG Presentation to the NASEM July 13 committee meeting
- Statement of MEPAG concerns regarding future Mars exploration
- Planning for future MEPAG meetings and activities this fall

The agenda and WebEx information will soon follow, and will be posted on the MEPAG meeting website (<http://mepag.nasa.gov/meetings.cfm>).

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

If you have a suggestion for the agenda or a question about the meeting, please email mepagmeetingqs@jpl.nasa.gov.