

2nd Information Circular
34th MEPAG Meeting
July 10th, 2017 8:30-10:30am PDT
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 (3:30-5:30pm UTC).

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 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) committee that is conducting 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 next NASEM committee meeting is July 13, at which MEPAG will also 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 draft agenda for the virtual meeting is now available, and key discussion topics will include:

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

The agenda and WebEx information are included below. Further updates (including any updates to the agenda) 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.

MEPAG #34 virtual meeting: July 10, 2017

Virtual meeting (WebEx): 8:30am-10:30pm PDT

Draft Agenda

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

Start	Duration	Title/topic	Presenter
8:30	0:30	Past and ongoing MEPAG activities	J. Johnson, MEPAG Chair
9:00	0:10	Mars HQ Perspectives	M. Meyer
9:10	0:20	Mid-Term Decadal Survey NEX/SAG presentation	R. Zurek
9:30	0:20	MEPAG Perspectives on Future Architectures	J. Johnson
9:50	0:20	Discussion	J. Johnson, R. Zurek, D. Beaty
10:10	0:10	Upcoming MEPAG activities	J. Johnson, R. Zurek, D. Beaty
10:20	0:10	Wrap-up	J. Johnson
10:30		Adjourn	

WebEx Directions for the MEPAG Meeting

Date: July 10th, 2017

Time: 8:30 AM-10:30 AM, Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)/3:30 PM-5:30PM (UTC)

1. Go to: (<https://jpl.webex.com>)
2. Enter the meeting # **909 778 645**
3. Enter your name and select Join
4. Choose your audio connection. You can receive a call on your phone, you can call in, or you can use your computer to connect to the meeting audio. If your site supports it, you can also connect to audio and video using a video conferencing system, or you can receive a call from the meeting to your video conferencing system.
5. The meeting can also be joined by phone by calling (510) 210-8882 (US Toll). Global call-in numbers can be found here- [Global call-in numbers](#)
6. When you call in, please mute your phone.
7. Please note that comments and questions from the community will be collected via the chat window and (time-permitting) conveyed to the presenters following their presentation and during discussion.

If you need additional information or assistance, please contact Dr. Brandi Carrier, MEPAG Meeting 34 coordinator (Brandi.L.Carrier@jpl.nasa.gov, phone 626-344-6057 – *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).