

DATE: July 6, 2017
TO: Members of the Mars/Planetary Science Community
SUBJECT: MEPAG Meeting 34: Community review and comment invited for MEPAG presentation to NASEM Mid-term Decadal Survey Committee

In preparation for its first meeting in May 2017, the *Committee on the Review of Progress toward Implementing the Decadal Survey Vision and Voyages for Planetary Sciences* asked MEPAG for a presentation on the progress, current state, and future of the Mars exploration program. The MEPAG Executive Committee put together a response that included updates on relevant discoveries and concerns regarding the future of the Mars program [1]. In preparation for its next meeting on July 13 [2], the review Committee requested a presentation regarding the Next Mars Orbiter Science Analysis Group (NEX-SAG) findings [3] and associated concerns.

The virtual MEPAG Meeting 34 scheduled on Monday July 10, 8:30-10:30 a.m. PDT, offers an opportunity for the community to review MEPAG's previous expression of concerns [1] and to comment on possible recommendations in response to those concerns for presentation to the review Committee on July 13 [also at 1]. The new presentation is meant to include the top-level concerns of the community with regard to Mars exploration and possible actions by NASA that could address those concerns. Comments and suggestions made during MEPAG Meeting 34 or via email (MEPAGmeetingqs@jpl.nasa.gov) by end of Monday, July 10 regarding the "MEPAG Perspective on Mars Architecture," will then be factored into the final presentation to the Committee.

The full agenda and WebEx connection information for MEPAG Meeting 34 can be found at [1]. Thank you, in advance, for your participation.

[1] <https://mepag.jpl.nasa.gov/meetings.cfm?expand=m34>

[2] <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/meetingview.aspx?MeetingID=9331&MeetingNo=3>

[3] <https://mepag.jpl.nasa.gov/reports.cfm?expand=topical>

Sincerely,

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