Mars Science News

InSight Surface and Atmosphere Characterization RFP

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for landing site surface and atmosphere characterization for the InSight mission to Mars.

The RFP can be accessed at:

Regards,
Matt Golombek
InSight Co-I: Geology and Landing Site Lead

Near-term Due Dates (next three months)

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Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

Second Quarter, 2013

June 3-7, 2013
Darmstadt, GERMANY

Mars Express 10th Anniversary Celebration and Science Working Team Meeting
To be held at ESOC

June 10-14, 2013
Montreal, CANADA

AbGradCon 2013
An interdisciplinary conference organized by and for graduate students and early career scientists.
http://www.abgradcon.org
June 10-14, 2013
Catania, ITALY
International Venus Science Conference
Will include all aspects of Venus research
http://www.iaps.inaf.it/Venus2013/

June 11-14, 2013
Hoor, SWEDEN
Isotopes as Diagnostic Tools in Astronomy, Geology and Biology
http://www.nordicastrobio.net/Isotopes2013/

June 17-21, 2013
San Jose, CA, USA
10th International Planetary Probe Workshop (IPPW10)
http://www.ippw10.com/

June 18-20, 2013
Pasadena, CA, USA
10th IAA Low-Cost Planetary Missions Conference (LCPM-10)
at California Institute of Technology (Caltech).
http://lcpm10.caltech.edu

June 24-28, 2013
Annapolis, MD, USA
AGU Chapman Conference – Crossing Boundaries in Planetary Atmospheres: From Earth to Exoplanets
http://chapman.agu.org/planetaryatmospheres

Third Quarter, 2013

July 1-4, 2013
Shanghai, CHINA
International Symposium on Planetary Science (IAPS2013)

July 9, 2013
Washington, DC, USA
Target NEO 2 Workshop
http://targetneo.jhuapl.edu

July 7-12, 2013
Cologne, GERMANY
19th IAA Humans in Space Symposium
http://www.his2013.com/

July 7-14, 2013
Davos, SWITZERLAND
Davos Atmosphere and Cryosphere Assembly (DACA-13)
http://www.daca-13.org

July 10-11, 2013
Washington, DC, USA
9th Meeting of the NASA Small Bodies Assessment Group
http://www.lpi.usra.edu/sbag/meetings/

July 10, 2013
Moffett Field, CA, USA
4th Annual Lunar Graduate Conference (LunGradCon 2013)
Registration deadline June 15, 2013. This is a virtual conference.
http://lasp.colorado.edu/ccldas/lgc2013

July 15-19, 2013
Moffett Field, CA, USA
NASA Lunar Science Forum
Due to the recent government restrictions on travel, the NASA Lunar Science Institute will broadcast the annual NASA Lunar Science Forum (LSF) as a virtual conference the week of July 15-19, 2013. The broadcast will be approx. 6 hours per day between 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. PDT, Monday-Friday.
http://lunarscience.nasa.gov/lsf2013/welcome

July 22-25, 2013
Szczecin, POLAND
13th European Workshop on Astrobiology
http://www.astrobiologia.pl.eana/

July 23, 2013
MEPAG #28 (Web Meeting)

July 29-August 2, 2013
Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA
76th Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society
http://www.metsoc2013edmonton.org

July 29-August 2, 2013
Pasadena, CA, USA
25th Annual NASA Planetary Science Summer School
http://psciscchool.jpl.nasa.gov
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<td>Sudbury, Ontario, CANADA</td>
<td>Large Meteorite Impacts and Planetary Evolution V Conference</td>
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<td>August 14-16, 2013</td>
<td>Flagstaff, AZ, USA</td>
<td>4th Planetary Crater Consortium Meeting</td>
<td>Abstract deadline is Friday, July 26, 2013 For more information, contact <a href="mailto:Nadine.Barlow@nau.edu">Nadine.Barlow@nau.edu</a> <a href="http://www.planetarycraterconsortium.nau.edu/">http://www.planetarycraterconsortium.nau.edu/</a></td>
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<td>August 15-18, 2013</td>
<td>Boulder, CO, USA</td>
<td>2013 International Mars Society Convention</td>
<td>Convened by the Mars Society space advocacy group. Hear from dozens of key scientists, experts and policymakers about Mars exploration, including updates on NASA's Curiosity rover and MAVEN spacecraft, scheduled for launch this November, as well as planning for a humans-to-Mars mission. <a href="http://www.marsociety.org/">http://www.marsociety.org/</a></td>
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**Fourth Quarter, 2013**

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<td>October 3-4, 2013</td>
<td>Houston, TX, USA</td>
<td>International Scientific Workshop on Golden Spike Human Lunar Expeditions</td>
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October 14-16, 2013  
Laurel, MD, USA  
**Lunar Exploration Analysis Group Meeting**  
Abstracts deadline July 31, 2013  
[http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/lea2013/](http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/lea2013/)

**New!**  
October 14-18, 2013  
Moscow, Russia  
**Fourth Moscow International Solar System Symposium**  
[http://ms2013.cosmos.ru](http://ms2013.cosmos.ru)

October 16-18  
Sagamihara, Kanagawa  
Japan  
**Hayabusa 2013: Symposium of Solar System Materials**  
Call for abstract : 15 July 2013  
Abstract submission due : 16 August 2013  

October 20-25, 2013  
Les Houches, FRANCE  
**Planet Mars 4 Workshop**  
[http://www.sciops.esa.int/mars4](http://www.sciops.esa.int/mars4)

October 27-30, 2013  
Denver, CO, USA  
**Geological Society of America Annual Meeting**  
Mars exploration is revealing a wealth of information regarding the early evolution of the terrestrial planets. We encourage contributions from across the Mars Geoscience community focused on geology and geomorphology in Gale crater as discerned from analysis of data collected by the Curiosity rover and from orbiting spacecraft.  
Abstract deadline August 6, 2013.  

November 11-15, 2013  
Bangkok, THAILAND  
**First COSPAR Symposium on “Planetary Systems of Our Sun and Other Stars, and the Future of Space Astronomy”**  
Abstracts deadline May 31, 2013  
[http://www.cospar2013.gistda.or.th/](http://www.cospar2013.gistda.or.th/)

November 18, 2013  
**MAVEN Launch Period Opens**

November 19-21, 2013  
Washington, DC, USA  
**Venus Exploration Analysis Group (VEXAG) Meeting**  
Contact Lori Glaze (lori.s.glaze@nasa.gov)

December 9-13, 2013  
San Francisco, CA, USA  
**AGU Fall Meeting**

**2014**

March 2014  
**45th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference**

**New!**  
June 15-19, 2014  
St. Louis, MO  
**2014 International (11th) Georaman Conference**  
Abstracts deadline March 31, 2014  

July 2014  
Pasadena, CA, USA  
**Tentative date for the 8th International Conference on Mars**

July 6-11, 2014  
Nara, JAPAN  
**ORIGINS 2014**  

August 2-10, 2014  
Moscow, RUSSIA  
**40th COSPAR 2014 and Associated Events**  

September 22, 2014  
**MAVEN Mars Orbit Insertion (MOI)**

October 19-22, 2014  
Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA  
**Geological Society of America Annual Meeting**
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Special holidays to consider when scheduling conferences/workshops/meetings:

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(Note that Jewish holidays start at sundown the previous evening).

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