

Mars Exploration Science Monthly Newsletter

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Next MEPAG Meeting – October 3-4, 2012 – Monrovia, CA

Mars Science News

(NASA) Science Mission Directorate (SMD) Announcement:

SMD has created a new web page on SARA through which we are soliciting volunteer reviewers for upcoming reviews. By this method, volunteers can sign up, not just for a review, but can indicate a panel or focus area. We are currently seeking panelists and mail-in reviewers for Laboratory Analysis of Returned Samples, Exobiology (Part 1), and Moon and Mars Analog missions activities. The URL is:

<http://science.nasa.gov/researchers/volunteer-review-panels/>

Near-term Due Dates (next three months)

Due	Project
7/1	34th Int'l Geological Congress registration deadline
7/9	Int'l Workshop on Instrumentation for Planetary Missions abstracts deadline
7/15	75th Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society registration deadline
8/1	Lunar Exploration Analysis Group abstracts deadline
8/8	AGU Fall Meeting abstracts and town hall submission deadline
8/14	Geological Society of America abstracts deadline
8/15	3rd Conference on Terrestrial Analogues abstracts deadline
8/15	12th European Workshop on Astrobiology abstracts deadline
8/31	3rd Planetary Crater Consortium abstracts deadline
9/7	2012 Canadian Space Summit abstracts deadline

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

Type	Date & Location	Event Information
<i>Third Quarter, 2012</i>		
	July 2-15, 2012 Reykjavik, ICELAND	Nordic-NASA Summer School – Water, Ice and the Origin of Life in the Universe http://www.nordicastrobiology.net/Iceland2012/
	July 13-15, 2012 Bozeman, MT, USA	Second Conference on the Lunar Highlands Crust http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/lunarhighlands2012/

	July 14-15, 2012 Moffett Field, CA, USA	Lungradson 2012 http://lasp.colorado.edu/ccidas/lq2012
	July 14-22, 2012 Mysore, INDIA	39th COSPAR 2012 Scientific Assembly http://cosparhq.cnes.fr/Meetings/sciass.htm
	July 17-19, 2012 Moffett Field, CA, USA	5th Annual Lunar Science Forum http://lunarscience.nasa.gov/LSF2012/
	July 23-27, 2012 Pasadena, CA, USA	2012 Sagan Summer Workshop: Working with Exoplanet Light Curves http://mexsci.caltech.edu/workshop/2012/
	August 5-10, 2012 Brisbane, AUSTRALIA	The 34th International Geological Congress Standard registration deadline July 1, 2012 http://34igc.org/
	August 12-17, 2012 Cairns, Queensland AUSTRALIA	75th Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society Registration deadline July 15, 2012 Contact: Trevor Ireland http://www.meteoriticalsociety.org/simple_template.cfm?code=news_meetings
	August 6, 2012	MSL Landing
	August 6-10, 2012 Beijing, CHINA	International Workshop Planning – Mars and the Moon: Changing Perspectives and New Questions Will include scientists from the US, Europe, and China and will encompass all aspects of Mars and Moon science. Please email your interest (highly likely or possible) to Roger Yelle at yelle@lpl.arizona.edu .
	August 13-17, 2012 Sentosa, SINGAPORE	AOGS-AGU (WPBM) Joint Assembly http://www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2012/public.asp?page=home.htm
	August 28, 2012 Pasadena, CA, USA	2001 Mars Odyssey Meeting Jet Propulsion Laboratory
	September 10-12, 2012 Rome, ITALY	1970-2010: The Golden Age of Solar System Exploration http://goldenage2012.ifac.cnr.it/index.php/goldenage2012/goldenage2012
	Update September 10-12, 2012 Houston, TX, USA	The Mantle of Mars: Insights from Theory, Geophysics, High-Pressure Studies, and Meteorites http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/marsmantle2012/
	September 19-21, 2012 Flagstaff, AZ, USA	3rd Planetary Crater Consortium meeting Abstracts deadline August 31, 2012 http://www.planetarycraterconsortium.nau.edu
	September 23-28, 2012 Madrid, SPAIN	European Planetary Science Congress 2012 http://www.epsc2012.eu/information/deadlines_and_milestones.html
	September 29, 2012	Start of Mars Northern Fall
<i>Fourth Quarter, 2012</i>		
	October 3-4, 2012 Monrovia, CA, USA	MEPAG #26
	October 4-6, 2012 Mountain View, CA, USA	First International Workshop on LunarCubes http://lunar-cubes.com

	October 8-12, 2012 Moscow, RUSSIA	Third Moscow Solar System Symposium http://ms2012.cosmos.ru/
	October 10-12, 2012 Greenbelt, MD, USA	International Workshop on Instrumentation for Planetary Missions Abstracts deadline July 9, 2012 Registration deadline September 30, 2012 http://ssed.gsfc.nasa.gov/IPM.html
	October 14-19, 2012 Reno, NV, USA	44th DPS Annual Meeting
	October 15-17, 2012 Stockholm, SWEDEN	12th European Workshop on Astrobiology (EANA 2012) Registration deadline August 15, 2012 http://agenda.albanova.se/conferenceDisplay.py?confid=2996
	October 22-24, 2012 Greenbelt, MD, USA	Annual Lunar Exploration Analysis Group Meeting (LEAG 2012) Abstracts deadline August 1, 2012 http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/leag2012/
	October 25-27, 2012 Marrakech, MOROCCO	3rd Conference on Terrestrial Mars Analogues The second circular with details on registration, accommodations and field trip is posted on the web site. Abstracts deadline August 15, 2012 http://www.ibnbattutacentre.org/conf/mars2012/
	November 4-7, 2012 Charlotte, NC, USA	Geological Society of America Annual Meeting Abstracts deadline August 14, 2012
	November 14-16, 2012 Ontario, CANADA	2012 Canadian Space Summit - "Bridging Communities: Unifying the Canadian Space Sector" Western University. Abstracts deadline September 7, 2012 http://css2012.uwo.ca
	December 2, 2012 San Francisco, CA, USA	MAVEN Science Community Workshop Day-long discussion of MAVEN science goals, measurements, mission plan, etc., to inform science community. More information is posted at http://lasp.colorado.edu/maven
	December 3-7, 2012 San Francisco, CA, USA	AGU Fall Meeting Deadline for abstracts and town hall submission is August 8, 2012
2013		
	February 2013 Morocco	MAR2013 Northern Sahara Mars Analog Field Simulation http://www.oewf.org/cms/mars2013.phtml
 	February 26-27, 2013 Washington, DC, USA	Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG) #27 Save the date
	March 18-23, 2013 The Woodlands, TX, USA	44th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/lpsc2013
	March 6-8, 2013 Washington, DC, USA	The Committee on Astrobiology and Planetary Science The National Academy of Science
 	June 3-7, 2013 Darmstadt, GERMANY	Mars Express 10th Anniversary Celebration To be held at ESOC

	July 15–19, 2013 Pasadena, CA, USA	8th International Conference on Mars California Institute of Technology
	August 27-31, 2013 Paris, FRANCE	IAG/AIG International Conference on Geomorphology http://www.geomorphology-iag-paris2013.com/en
	October 27-30, 2013 Denver, CO, USA	Geological Society of America Annual Meeting
	November 18, 2013	MAVEN Launch Period Opens
	December 9-13, 2013 San Francisco, CA, USA	AGU Fall Meeting
<i>2014</i>		
	March 2014	45th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference
	October 19-22, 2014 Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA	Geological Society of America Annual Meeting
	December 15-19, 2014 San Francisco, CA, USA	AGU Fall Meeting
<i>2015</i>		
	March 2015	46th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference
	November 1-4, 2015 Baltimore, MD, USA	Geological Society of America Annual Meeting

Special holidays to consider when scheduling conferences/workshops/meetings:

Good Friday	4/6/2012	3/29/2013	4/18/2014	4/3/2015	4/6/2016
Rosh Hashanah	9/17/2012	9/5/2013	9/25/2014	9/14/2015	9/16/2016
Yom Kippur	9/26/2012	9/14/2013	10/4/2014	9/23/2015	9/25/2016
(Note that Jewish holidays start at sundown the previous evening).					
Thanksgiving Day, U.S.	11/22/2012	11/28/2013	11/27/2014	11/26/2015	11/22/2016
Thanksgiving Day, Canada	10/8/2012	10/14/2013	10/13/2014	10/12/2015	10/8/2016
Christmas Day	12/25/2012	12/25/2013	12/25/2014	12/25/2015	12/25/2016

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