
AGU Planetary Sciences Section NEWSLETTER #28

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1) Whipple Award and Fellow nominations

Please consider nominating a worthy colleague for the Whipple award, the highest honor that can be bestowed by the Planetary Sciences section. The deadline for receiving a nomination is **July 1, 2008**. For a list of the materials needed for a Whipple Award nomination package, see www.agu.org/sections/planets/psaward.html.

The deadline for nominations of AGU Fellows is also **July 1, 2008**. Please nominate a colleague that is deserving of this honor. For details about what is required for a Fellow nomination package, go to www.agu.org/inside/fellguides.html.

2) Planetary Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council

The next meeting of the Planetary Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council will be on 23-24 June in room E100E of Building 1 at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. The agenda will include the usual updates on the Planetary Science and Mars Exploration Programs and reports on the activities of the community-based assessment groups (MEPAG, LEAG, OPAG, etc.) There will also be presentations on the Cassini extended mission, the current status of planning for Mars Sample Return and the Outer Planet Flagship and a the results of studies on the drivers for cost overruns and schedule slips. The meeting is open to the public up to the capacity of the room. Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID, before receiving an access badge. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide the following information no less than 15 working days prior to the meeting: full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; social security number; green card information (resident alien number, expiration date); visa information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country of issue, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, title/position, address, country of employer, telephone, email address); title/position of attendee. To expedite admittance, attendees with U.S. citizenship can provide identifying information 4 working days in advance by contacting Marian Norris via email at mnorris@nasa.gov or by telephone at (202) 358-4452.

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3) New section officers as of July 1

The newly elected officers of the Planetary Sciences section start their duties on July 1. The section President will be Bruce Jakosky, the President-elect will be Laurie Leshin, the Past-president will be Tilman Spohn, and the Secretary will be Bruce Banerdt. We look forward to continued growth of the section under their leadership.

4) Message from the section President

Dear fellow members of the Planetary Science Section,
July 1st will be the day when the terms of Jim Zimbelman as Section Secretary and myself as Section president will end. Bruce Jakosky and Bruce Banerdt will take over as president and secretary, respectively. Good luck to both of you! My first thanks go to Jim who did a fantastic job as secretary, to Bruce Jakosky for his great help as president-elect, to the entire executive committee, and to AGU staff and fellow officers. It was a great pleasure working with you. My further thanks go to you the members of the section for letting me have this experience. It was great fun. If you should ever be asked to run for an AGU office, just say yes. It is worth it!
Best regards
Tilman Spohn

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