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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR: PUBLICATION SURVEY

At the Members' Meeting in National Harbor I was pleased to see the general interest and engagement on publication matters. Last December, in a message from the chair (<https://dps.aas.org/news/message-chair-icarus-agreement-reached> [1]), I informed you about the details of the agreement that we made with Elsevier regarding Icarus and the formation of a Publications Subcommittee. That Subcommittee has assembled a survey that we would like you to take. Shortly, you will be sent a link from the AAS SurveyMonkey account inviting you to take the survey. I encourage you to take some of your time to respond so that the DPS Committee can get a strong sense of your ideas and desires regarding our strategy for planetary publication matters and how it might evolve in the future.

The Publications Subcommittee has written up a brief overview and background for the survey that you can find here:

<https://dps.aas.org/news/message-chair-publication-survey> [2]

Look for the survey coming in the next couple of days.

Jason W. Barnes
DPS Chair

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REMINDER: DPS 48/EPSC 11 ABSTRACT DEADLINE MOVED UP ONE

DAY TO JUNE 22

As a result of the AAS moving to new offices this month, we have moved up the abstract deadline for this Fall's DPS/EPSC meeting in Pasadena to Wednesday June 22 at 9:00 PM (21:00) Eastern Daylight Time. The AAS will be physically unplugging the servers to migrate them to the new offices on the old deadline date. Apologies for the change, but it's the best solution under the circumstances. Please update your calendars with the new date:

9:00 PM EDT Wednesday June 22, 2016

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SBAG 15 MEETING REGISTRATION

Registration for the SBAG 15 meeting is now available from the SBAG website:

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/sbag/> [3]

SBAG 15 Meeting

June 28 - June 30, 2016

Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

Laurel, MD

Additional logistical details and the agenda are also available on the SBAG website as well.

If you plan to attend the SBAG 15 meeting, please register. Registration is free but is used for planning purposes and to document community interest in SBAG meetings, to ensure continued support.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, and I'm looking forward to a productive meeting at the end of the month.

Best wishes,

Nancy Chabot

SBAG Chair

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SBAG STEERING COMMITTEE CANDIDATE SOLICITATION

Dear SBAG community,

The SBAG (Small Bodies Assessment Group) Steering Committee is composed of members who represent the diverse nature of the small bodies community.

The Steering Committee organizes SBAG meetings, drafts and edits findings relating to topics of interest to the small bodies community, and provides input to NASA on topics relating to the science of small bodies, the use of small bodies in support of human space activities, technology relating to the exploration and utilization of small bodies, and planetary defense. Each member serves a multi-year

term. There are three positions open on the SBAG Steering Committee starting in August 2016. We are looking for candidates in the following areas:

* SBAG Planetary Defense Lead - Serve as a Steering Committee member and lead SBAG activities relating to topics of planetary defense at SBAG meetings and Steering Committee discussions. Three-year term.

* Outer Solar System Small Bodies Expert - Serve as a SBAG Steering Committee member and provide specific expertise on topics and issues related to the science of small bodies in the outer Solar System, to complement the expertise of the continuing Steering Committee members. The Steering Committee already has specific expertise relating to comets, so this position is intended to be for an expert in KBOs, Jupiter Trojans, small moons of the outer planets, and/or Centaurs. Three-year term.

* Member with any expertise relevant to SBAG - The Steering Committee tries to maintain expertise in several specific areas, including those mentioned above, but also wants to represent a broad cross-section of the small bodies community, and seeks potential members who are interested in small bodies topics, regardless of specific expertise. The intent of describing this position this way is to encourage potential candidates from across the community (candidates for the first two positions will automatically be considered as well). Three-year term.

To indicate your willingness to serve in any of these positions, please email Tim Swindle (tswindle@lpl.arizona.edu [4]) by June 23, 2016, and include a two- to four-page CV.

The current Steering Committee will select new members at the 15th Meeting of SBAG, June 28-30, 2016.

Tim Swindle

Incoming SBAG Chair

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/sbag> [5]/

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JOBS, POSITIONS, OPPORTUNITIES

A) POSTDOC - IONOSPHERIC RADIO OCCULTATIONS AT SATURN,

TITAN, AND MARS

Boston University

The Center for Space Physics at Boston University invites applications for a postdoctoral researcher position supervised by Professor Paul Withers. The research will involve the analysis of radio occultation observations of the ionospheres of Saturn, Titan, and Mars. Candidates should possess a PhD degree in a relevant field. Experience conducting research on planetary ionospheres is desirable. The salary offered will be competitive and commensurate with experience. Funding is available for two years with the possibility of extension. The appointment is expected to begin as soon as possible after 1 September 2016. Please contact Paul Withers (withers@bu.edu [6]) for further information.

Applications should be sent by email to Paul Withers (withers@bu.edu [6]).

The application should be submitted in PDF format and contain a curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, and contact information for three referees. Review of applications will begin on 1 July 2016. Women and underrepresented minorities are particularly encouraged to apply.

Boston University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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Send submissions to:

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