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REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR JWST WORKSHOP AND PROPOSAL TUTORIAL

JWST will be hosting a workshop on the new Early Release Science Program and proposal preparation at the DPS this Sunday, October 16 from 1-4 pm PDT.

Remote participation is available for those that are not in attendance. See details below and here: <http://jwst.stsci.edu/events/jwst-at-dps-epsc> [1]

Workshop on the JWST Early Release Science (ERS) Program

- Sunday, Oct. 16, 1pm - 4pm PDT (Room C106, Conference Building)
- JWST Project Status
- Description of the JWST Director's Discretionary Time Early Release Science Program
 - Goals of the program
 - Proposal requirements
- ERS vs. Guaranteed Time programs
- Proposal planning tools overview
- Remote participation via Webex:

[Join webex meeting here](#) [2]

Meeting number (access code): 641 227 642

Meeting password: JWSTdps!

Join by phone
1-855-244-8681 Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada)
1-650-479-3207 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

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DIVISION FOR PLANETARY SCIENCES ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLENARY

Addressing Unconscious Bias

Patricia Knezek

Wednesday, October 19th, 2016: 2:00-2:20 PM, Ballroom D

Abstract: Unconscious bias reflects expectations or stereotypes that influence our judgments of others (regardless of our own group). Everyone has unconscious biases. The end result of unconscious bias can be an accumulation of advantage or disadvantage that impacts the long-term career success of individuals, depending on which biases they are subject to. In order to foster a professional culture and climate, being aware of these unconscious biases and mitigating against them is a first step. This is particularly important when judgments are needed, such as in cases for recruitment, choice of speakers for conferences, and even reviewing papers submitted for publication. This presentation will cover how unconscious bias manifests itself, what evidence exists to demonstrate it exists, and ways it can be addressed.

<http://womeninastronomy.blogspot.com/2016/10/dps-professional-culture-climate.html> [3]

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ALAN STERN AND NEW HORIZONS TEAM RECEIVE COSMOS AWARD

Congratulations to DPS Member Alan Stern and the New Horizons team, winners of the 2016 Cosmos Award from The Planetary Society. Alan and team will be presented the award at Agency night on Monday and again at the public lecture on Thursday night here at DPS in Pasadena.

For more info see:

<http://www.planetary.org/blogs/guest-blogs/2016/1012-alan-stern-new-horizons-team-cosmos-award.html> [4]

<http://www.planetary.org/press-room/releases/2016/alan-stern-new-horizons.html> [5]

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NSF RELEASES DEAR COLLEAGUE LETTER ON ARECIBO OBSERVATORY

NSF has released a Dear Colleague Letter NSF 16-144

(<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2016/nsf16144/nsf16144.jsp> [6]) announcing its intent to release a Solicitation in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2017 regarding future continued operations of Arecibo Observatory under substantially reduced funding commitment from NSF.

The 2012 Portfolio Review Committee of the NSF Division of Astronomical Sciences (AST) recommended that NSF AST's involvement in Arecibo Observatory be re-evaluated later in the decade, "in light of the science opportunities and budget forecasts at that time." In August 2016, the National Academies' Committee on the Review of Progress on the Decadal Survey Vision recommended that NSF should implement the recommendations of the Portfolio Review, which the Committee deemed as essential to sustaining the scientific vitality of the U.S. ground based astronomy program as new facilities come into operation. This recommendation followed numerous Committee Findings that commented on the AST budget.

NSF is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate potential effects of proposed changes to operations at Arecibo Observatory (see https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/env_impact_reviews/env_rev_arecibo.jsp [7]).

The upcoming Solicitation will run concurrently with preparation of the EIS with the intent of informing the decision-making process for future operations of Arecibo Observatory.

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JAPANESE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF SCIENCE (JSPS) CORE-TO-CORE PROGRAM PLANET2 SYMPOSIUM 2017

Symposium web site: https://www-n.oca.eu/michel/JSPSPlanet2_2017/ [8]

The JSPS Core-to-Core Program Planet2 Symposium 2017 will take place on February 20-23, 2017 in Villefranche Sur Mer (France) on the Côte d’Azur.

The Symposium aims at reviewing recent ongoing and upcoming space missions and observations and recent progress in planet formation theories. Also we will discuss how we should synthesize these observational constraints to improve our understanding of planetary formation inside and outside the solar system. Topics will include remote-sensing observations of small bodies from a spacecraft or from ground-based observatories, microanalyses of samples from small bodies, observations of exoplanets from both space-based and ground-based telescopes, and planetary formation theories (from disk formation/evolution to current planetary system properties). Opportunities for international exchanges of young scholars in this field of science will also be discussed.

Registration and abstract submission will open soon and will be announced



in the next announcement. Please save the dates if you're interested.

Pr. Seiji Sugita and Dr. Patrick Michel (SOC chairs);

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