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LAST CALL: RENEW YOUR AAS/DPS MEMBERSHIP TODAY

AAS emailed members [1] in early September announcing the start of membership renewal season, and many took notice. Online renewals are arriving at a steady pace. If you have already paid your dues, thanks for your continued support.

To help reduce costs and the Society's carbon footprint, we encourage you to renew online today for fast, easy self-service. Simply log in [2] to pay your dues [3], to confirm or update your journal subscriptions and Division memberships, and to lock in savings for 2017 by renewing for two years at the current rate.

(Note: That last option isn't available to junior members, who instead get two years for the price of one — currently $81 — when first joining the Society, then renew annually thereafter.)

Renew before 31 December to maintain your benefits [4] and receive additional
savings: the AAS will extend a one-time 15% discount off your portion of the
author charges for one paper published in the *Astronomical Journal*, the
can double their savings: if you renew by 31 December for two years, you will
receive the 15% author discount on one paper each in 2017 and 2018.
The Society has much planned for 2017 — including the 229th meeting of the
AAS in Grapevine, TX in January — so you won't want to miss out on the latest
science, member communications, and career and networking opportunities.
Supporting the AAS is supporting your discipline. Renew today [2]!

If you have any questions about your dues or benefits, or need assistance
when logging in, please contact the membership team by email at
membership@aas.org [5] or by phone at 202-328-2010. Thank you!

16th SMALL BODIES ASSESSMENT GROUP (SBAG) MEETING
JANUARY 11-13 IN TUCSON
Further updates about SBAG 16:
1) If you are planning to come to Tucson for the meeting, the deadline
for booking hotel rooms at the group rate has been extended to Dec. 30.
Details are on the Registration page at the SBAG meetings website:
2) If you are not planning to come to Tucson for the meeting, presentations
can be viewed live (and you can ask questions) via Adobe Connect at
https://ac.arc.nasa.gov/sbag16/ [7]
3) The full details of the agenda as it stands at the moment can be found
at the link below, and will be updated as necessary on the SBAG meetings
website. There are still a couple of places where we are not sure of speakers, but they will be filled in on the website as they are finalized.

http://www.lpi.usra.edu/sbag/meetings/jan2017/Agenda_20161222.pdf [8]

I hope to see you, either in person or virtually, in about three weeks.

Tim Swindle
SBAG Chair

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EPSC2017 – FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR SESSIONS

Dear colleagues,

The 12th European Planetary Science Congress will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija, Riga, Latvia, from 17–22 September 2017.

We thank you for making this year’s joint meeting with DPS in Pasadena, United States, a great success.

The EPSC2017 will revert to the traditional EPSC structure, with sessions for industry and amateurs and this year’s outreach theme will be enlarging our community.

As with the previous highly successful EPSC meetings, EPSC2017 provides an attractive platform to exchange and present results, develop new ideas and to network the planetary science community in Europe. A forum you might say!

It will have a distinctively interactive style, with a mix of talks, workshops and posters, intended to provide a stimulating environment for the community to meet.

The modern congress hotel is very close to the Old Town of Riga, a vibrant, attractive Baltic city with lots of interesting historical sites.

The success of EPSC is founded on the excellence of its sessions and conveners. So we encourage you to make session or workshop proposals on the conference
The meeting will cover the whole scope of planetary science with typically 50 sessions of different types.

We look forward to many proposals for exciting sessions and look forward to seeing you in Riga.

Best regards,

Manuel Grande and Maria Teresa Capria
Scientific Organizing Committee Chairs

Amara Graps
Local Organizing Committee Chair

Mario Ebel
Copernicus Meetings

JSPS PLANET2 SYMPOSIUM 2017: REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Core-to-Core Program

Planet2 Symposium 2017 web site:
https://www-n.oca.eu/michel/JPSPPlanet2_2017/ [10]

The JSPS Core-to-Core Program Planet2 Symposium 2017 will take place on February 20-23, 2017 in Villefranche Sur Mer (France) on the Cote 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 is now open, please visit:
If you wish to give a talk or present a poster, please send your name, affiliation, type of presentation, title and 3 line-abstract to the SOC co-chairs (see below). We look forward to seeing you in Villefranche Sur Mer.

Pr. Seiji Sugita and Dr. Patrick Michel (SOC chairs);
Please send abstracts and questions to: michelp@oca.eu [12] and ikoma@eps.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp [13]

LUNAR AND PLANETARY SCIENCE CONFERENCE 48TH LPSC

MARCH 20-24, 2017
THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS

Registration for the 48th LPSC is now open, and we are very excited to announce that we have lowered the rates from 2016!

http://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/lpsc2017/registration/registration/ [14]

Upcoming Deadlines:

Abstracts Due: January 10
Dwornik Award Applications: January 11
Career Development Award Applications: January 13
Requests for peripheral meeting space: January 13

JOBS, POSITIONS, OPPORTUNITIES
1.

NASA's Navigation and Ancillary Information Facility, developers of the “SPICE” observation geometry system used worldwide in support of planetary missions, is looking for a permanent new staff member. Interested persons should read the detailed announcement at:


and may apply for the job through the JPL Human Resources website, here:

https://experienced-jpl.icims.com/jobs/search [16],

selecting Requisition ID 2016-7626.

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TO WORK WITH MINOR PLANET CENTER

We are seeking a research scientist with experience related to the Minor Planet Center and/or NASA's Near-Earth Object Observations program. The candidate will work with Michael A'Hearn in managing the integration of the Minor Planet Center into the Small Bodies Node of the Planetary Data System and will provide continuity of expertise beyond A'Hearn's retirement. Research in relevant fields is an appropriate portion of the position.

Further details are available at:


Questions should be addressed directly to Professor A'Hearn (ma at astro.umd.edu [18]).

Applications should include a standard CV and a short (up to two pages) summary of relevant experience.

Funding for the position is anticipated in January.

C) FACULTY POSITION IN PLANETARY SCIENCE,

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND SPACE SCIENCES -
FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Position # PSS705

The Department of Physics and Space Sciences at Florida Institute of Technology invites applications for a permanent faculty position beginning August 2017. This position is at the rank of assistant professor, but higher ranks may be considered for senior or well-established candidates. While applicants from all branches of planetary science will be considered, those with active research involving Mars are strongly encouraged to apply. We are especially interested in applicants with experience that overlaps other research areas in our department, and that can make best use of our available research facilities. These facilities include a large Mars atmospheric simulation chamber and 1-m class telescopes in Florida, Tucson, Chile, and La Palma. Candidates should be committed to excellence in teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and to developing or bringing a leading research program in planetary science. The candidate will also mentor and train students in our Space Sciences masters and doctoral programs, and work closely with the Buzz Aldrin Space Institute.

Florida Tech hosts one of the largest physics and space sciences programs in the U.S. The Department of Physics and Space Sciences has 130 undergraduates and 35 graduate students. Being founded to support NASA, and being only a few miles from the Kennedy Space Center, we are tightly integrated into the federal and private space
industry. Information about the department and its current research activities can be found at [http://cos.fit.edu/pss/](http://cos.fit.edu/pss/) [19]. For more information interested candidates should contact Dr. Daniel Batcheldor. To apply email [searchpss@fit.edu](mailto:searchpss@fit.edu) [20] with the subject “Position # PSS705”. In a single PDF provide a cover letter, CV, statements of research and teaching experience and interests, and the names and contact information of at least three references. Review of applications will begin immediately, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Florida Tech is an equal opportunity employer.

1. SUMMER SCIENCE PROGRAM

The Summer Science Program (SSP) is a residential enrichment program for academically gifted high school students, operated by a small, independent nonprofit. SSP seeks a Chief Academic Officer (CAO) to oversee the quality and direction of its academic content.

Applications should include a CV, two letters of recommendation, and a statement of interest that connects the candidate's experience with SSP's mission. Candidates should also familiarize themselves with the website ([http://www.summerscience.org](http://www.summerscience.org) [21]). SSP is an unusual educational organization, and this is a new position. Please help us get to know you by including any questions and/or comments with your application. Application materials and inquiries should be emailed to SSP’s Executive Director, Richard Bowdon: [rbowdon@summerscience.org](mailto:rbowdon@summerscience.org) [22].

We will begin reviewing applications on February 1st.
E) RESEARCH SUPPORT SPECIALIST III-

SPIF DATA MANAGER/GIS SPECIALIST-

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

The Cornell Center for Atmospheric and Planetary Science seeks candidates with GIS experience to fill our Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility, (SPIF) Data Manager's/GIS Specialist position.

The SPIF Manager is responsible for the management of all aspects of SPIF operations. Assisting users in locating, processing and analyzing spacecraft data stored in NASA Planetary Data Systems.

The successful candidate will hold yearly workshops on ArcGIS, SOCET, SET/GPX, and PDS data processing using USGS ISIS software package. They will also develop and maintain education/public outreach programs alongside existing center outreach personnel.

To apply and see additional information please go to: https://cornell.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/CornellCareerPage/job/ Ithaca-Main-Campus/SPIF-Data-Manager-GIS-Specialist_WDR-00009712-1.

Questions may be directed to Lynda Sovocool, Finance and Human Resource Manager, lmk3@cornell.edu.

Send submissions to:
Anne Verbiscer, DPS Secretary (dpssec@aas.org)

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