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REMINDER: DPS EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE MONDAY 31 JULY 2017

<https://aas.org/meetings/dps49/registration> [1]

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REMINDER: PLEASE VOTE IN THE 2017 DPS ELECTION

The 2017 election for DPS Vice-Chair and Committee is now open, and will close TODAY July 31st 2017.

Please remember to vote!

Go to <https://aas.org/vote/> [2]

You will need your AAS member login ID (which defaults to your membership

number), and your password.

If you have trouble voting on line, the AAS can do a proxy vote and vote on your behalf (send an e-mail to dpssec@aaas.org [3]). You will still get an automated email confirmation and a separate manual email, both with who you voted for and a confirmation number.

You should vote for one of the two candidates for Vice-Chair:

- o Reggie Hudson, Goddard Space Flight Center
- o Linda Spilker, Jet Propulsion Laboratory

The elected Vice-Chair will take his/her functions in October 2017 and will become the DPS Chair in October 2018.

You should also vote for two of the five candidates for DPS Committee:

- o Michele Bannister, Queens University, Belfast
- o Terry Hurford, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
- o David Morrison, NASA Ames Research Center
- o Michael "Migo" Mueller, Kapteyn Astronomical Institute, Netherlands
- o Padma Yanamandra-Fisher, Space Science Institute

The successful candidates will serve on the Committee for three years after October 2017.

The detailed vitae and position statements for each of the candidates is linked from the main election page,

<https://aas.org/vote/> [2]

It is very important for all DPS Members to participate to these elections, so please take a moment to vote TODAY!

Thank you!

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ASTROBIOLOGY 2017

Dear colleagues, please distribute widely!

Find below exciting news for Astrobiology 2017. This conference will take place in the beautiful Chilean Patagonia in Coyhaique (November 26-December 1, 2017). <http://www.astrobiology2017.org> [4]

ORAL CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE APPROACHING The oral contribution submission deadline has been extended to Friday, August 4, 2017. Please note that a link to the abstract submission form is sent to you after the registration process is completed. The SOC will select oral papers after their review. The notification of acceptance is expected to be sent out on August 25, 2017.

POSTER CONTRIBUTION AND REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE

For those that wish to present a poster at Astrobiology 2017, the deadline coincides with the end of the regular registration period, October 13. The submission process is the same as for oral contributions, and the selected posters are expected to be announced a couple of weeks after the deadline.



TRAINING SCHOOL There are only 21 available seats left at the Training School. Register soon to secure yours. The two day training school with lectures on basics of Astrobiology will take place in Santiago during the Friday-Saturday preceding the conference (November 24-25), and it is open to early-career participants. For more information on the training school, including the program, please click <http://astrobiology2017.org/training-school/> [5].

PARTICIPANTS The number of participants of Astrobiology 2017 keeps growing! For an updated list of participants, follow: <http://astrobiology2017.org/participants/> [6]

EXPLORE PATAGONIA There are several alternatives to explore Patagonia before and after the meeting at <http://astrobiology2017.org/coyhaique-tours/> [7] . Make sure you don't miss this chance to see one of the most wonderful landscapes on Earth.

FOLLOW US Pre-register at the bottom of <http://astrobiology2017.org> [8] to receive updated information, and follow us in Twitter and Facebook: <http://twitter.com/astrobio2017> [9] <http://facebook.com/astrobio2017> [10]

With best regards,
Patricio Rojo (LOC's chair)

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VEXAG MEETING #15 CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS AND REGISTRATION

Venus Exploration Analysis Group (VEXAG) Meeting #15 will be held on Tuesday-Thursday, November 14-16, 2016 at the Applied Physics Laboratory (APL), Laurel Maryland, hosted by Noam Izenberg.

Current plans are:

November 14, 2017 (Tuesday) - NASA and Mission Reports

November 15, 2017 (Wednesday) - Venus Science and Technology Reports

November 16, 2017 (Thursday) - VEXAG Activities and Future Meetings
(adjourn at mid-day).

Abstracts are solicited for all topics related to Venus science, applicable technologies, modeling techniques and the study of Venus-like exoplanets. Please submit a one-page abstract in LPSC format for your oral or poster presentation to the LPI Portal for this meeting:

https://www.hou.usra.edu/meeting_portal/abstract_submission/?mtg=569 [11]

by September 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. U.S. Central Daylight Saving Time (GMT-5). Posting of the full program is anticipated in October.

If you are attending in person or via Web-EX and haven't done so already, please enter your name on the Meeting Registration/Intent to Attend Form on the VEXAG Web-Site:

https://www.hou.usra.edu/meeting_portal/registration/?mtg=vexag2017 [12]

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VEXAG CALL FOR STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

VEXAG is seeking a volunteer for VEXAG Steering Committee members to replace those who have successfully completed their service to the community. This new member will start late this year, commencing with the next VEXAG Meeting at APL on November 14-16, 2017. The term will run for three years.

Also, the VEXAG Early Career Scholars Focus Group is looking for interested group members.

If you are interested, send your resume and a statement of how you could contribute to VEXAG to Bob Grimm and Martha Gilmore, VEXAG Chair and Deputy Chair (grimm@boulder.swri.edu [13], mgilmore@wesleyan.edu [14]) by August 25, 2017.

VEXAG activities for the next three years are expected to be community building with an emphasis on:

- Preparing for the next Planetary Science Decadal Survey
- Venus Exploration Goals, Objectives, and Strategies
- Technology Development and Laboratory Measurements
- International Collaboration
- Early Career and Young Scholar Development



VEXAG (<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/vexag/> [15]) is a community-based forum established in July 2005 to assess scientific priorities and strategies for exploration of Venus. VEXAG is currently composed of a chair and five Focus Groups, where the Focus Groups actively solicit input from the Venus community on the topics listed above.

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MARS EXPLORATION SCIENCE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2017

To the Mars Community,

On behalf of Jeff Johnson (MEPAG Chair), Dave Beaty, Rich Zurek, and James Ashley of the Mars Program Science Office. As before, the newsletter can also be found on the web at:

<http://mepag.jpl.nasa.gov> [16]

Please send your Mars community announcements and calendar items for inclusion in the newsletter to Barbara at:

Barbara.A.Saltzberg@jpl.nasa.gov [17]

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Send submissions to:

Anne Verbiscer, DPS Secretary (dpssec@aas.org [3])

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