MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR: EDITORIAL TRANSITION AT ICARUS

After 20 years as Editor-in-Chief of Icarus, Phil Nicholson has decided to step down at the end of this year. Phil’s letter announcing this transition to his fellow editors can be read here [1].

In the past two decades, Phil has lead the journal's growth by appointing discipline-specific associate editors and has escorted the journal into the age of digital publishing. Under Phil’s guidance, the journal has moved from strength to strength, and he has built and maintained the journal’s reputation in planetary sciences. On behalf of the Division for Planetary Sciences, we thank him for his years at the helm of Icarus.

The DPS Committee and Elsevier are working in partnership to recruit a
new Editor-in-Chief with the goal of starting in January 2018. We will
post a position description and application process in the coming weeks,
with an anticipated application deadline of October 8, 2017. Please
begin thinking about candidates for this position, including yourself.

The Editor-in-Chief works with the publisher and the DPS to shape the
strategy and direction of the journal as well as commissioning research
articles, review articles and special issues. The editor-in-chief convenes
the Editorial Advisory Board in consultation with DPS leadership, is
responsible for overseeing the peer review process alongside a team
of editors. Currently, each editor is responsible for a particular field,
and the Editor-in-Chief would be responsible for directly handling
peer review of papers falling within her or his area of expertise. For
questions about the position, contact DPS.Chair@aas.org [2].

Lucy McFadden
DPS Chair

OPAG AT LA JOLLA REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is now open for the Outer Planets Assessment Group (OPAG)
meeting on September 6-7, 2017 at the Seaside Forum of the Scripps Institute
of Oceanography, La Jolla, CA:

Please make hotel reservations ASAP as this is still a busy season near the largest ocean in the inner Solar System. Block of rooms will be held until August 21.

If you are interested in presenting a technology poster, contact Patricia.M.Beauchamp@jpl.nasa.gov

If you wish to apply for early career support, see instructions on the OPAG web site.

Agenda items include updates about Europa Clipper, Europa Lander, Cassini, Juno, New Horizons, technology development, and planning for future missions to outer planets and ocean worlds.

-Alfred McEwen, OPAG chair

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EARLY CAREER PARTICIPANT SUPPORT FOR NASA OPAG MEETING

NASA's Outer Planets Assessment Group will provide travel grants for a limited number of interested Early Career participants to attend the OPAG meeting September 6-7 in La Jolla, CA. OPAG plays a key role in sculpting the planetary science community's input into NASA activities for outer planets science and exploration. Thus it is critical for Early Career scientists to attend these meetings both to learn how NASA and Planetary Science programs operate and to represent the community that will work on OPAG-relevant projects in the coming decade. Selected individuals will present a poster at the meeting on a topic of their choosing. Interested graduate students, postdocs, and other Early Career scientists (within 5 years of PhD/MS/BS) should submit a one page letter of interest and a CV to britneys "at" eas.gatech.edu by August 16, 2017. Recipients will be notified by August 18. For more information, email Britney Schmidt.
PLUTO AFTER NEW HORIZONS: JULY 15-19, 2019

We are planning an international science conference on the Pluto system and the Kuiper Belt to be held July 15-19, 2019 at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD, USA.

Please mark your calendars accordingly!

This conference will provide an opportunity to summarize our understanding of the Pluto system and the Kuiper belt following the New Horizons encounters with Pluto and 2014 MU69. Contributions spanning all relevant research on the Kuiper belt, including both observations and theory, will be solicited.

The conference will also serve as a nucleus for a forthcoming volume “Pluto After New Horizons” in the University of Arizona Space Science Series. With a projected 2020 publication date, this new book will be the successor to “Pluto-Charon” published in 1997.

A registration website with further details will be set up next summer, approximately one year prior to the conference.

Again, please put this conference on your calendar and join us at the Kossiakoff Center at APL in mid-July 2019!

With best regards,

Hal Weaver (JHU-APL), Alan Stern (SwRI), Rick Binzel (MIT)

(on behalf of the SOC)
APPLICATION OPEN FOR THE EON/ELSI WINTER SCHOOL 2018

We are excited to announce the 2018 EON/ELSI Winter School on Earth-Life Science, taking place in Tokyo, Japan, on January 22 to February 2nd. This interdisciplinary training course for graduate students and post-docs will include lectures from experts and hands-on training in field techniques and computational approaches, with applications for everything related to Earth-Life Science, from planets to microbes and beyond. If you are interested in the evolution of planets, chemicals or life, this is the school for you.

Applications are due on September 15, 2017, and are available at:

http://elsischool.com

For all selected attendees, all onsite costs in Japan will be covered. Travel funding is available for a limited number of attendees, upon request in the application form. For more information, go to:

http://elsischool.com

51ST ESLAB SYMPOSIUM: EXTREME HABITABLE WORLDS

December 4-8, 2017

ESTEC, The Netherlands

Note: Extension of Abstract Deadline to Thursday August 24th

Dear Colleague,

The abstract deadline is further extended to allow additional time for abstract preparation. The new deadline is Thursday August 24th 2017.

Submissions that adhere to the abstract template and guidelines will be admitted for review by the Scientific Organising Committee. To submit an abstract via the online system please visit the Symposium abstract submission page:

http://esaconferencebureau.com/2017-events/eslab2017

We are pleased to be able to provide a number of Young Researcher Awards, funded by the ESLAB 51 Symposium, COSPAR & ILEWG. The deadline for applications for Young Researcher Awards has also been extended to Thursday August 24th. Please see the following page for instructions on how to apply:
young-researcher-awards

We look forward to your participation and welcoming you at ESTEC. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ESA Conference Bureau.

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JOBS, POSITIONS, OPPORTUNITIES

A) POSTDOC IN PLANETARY GEOPHYSICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA LPL

The Department of Planetary Sciences/Lunar and Planetary Laboratory of the University of Arizona has an opening for Postdoctoral Research Associate I in the areas of planetary geophysics and geology. The successful applicant will carry out research on a project selected to match the applicant. Possible research topics include martian volcanology, martian hydrology, and analysis of lunar gravity data. Research will include quantitative and qualitative analyses of spacecraft data and/or numerical modeling. The applicant will be expected to carry out independent research, give presentations at professional meetings, and prepare publications on the work. Interested individuals must have a Ph.D. in Planetary Science, Geology, Physics/Astronomy or a related field. For full position details and to apply online, see:


and reference job #P20406. The University of Arizona is an EEO/AA employer - M/W/D/V.

B) Ph.D. POSITIONS IN SOLAR SYSTEM SCIENCE IN GOTTINGEN, GERMANY

Deadline: 15 November 2017

The International Max Planck Research School for Solar System Science

at the University of Göttingen in Germany (Solar System School) offers a
research-oriented doctoral program covering the physics of Solar system science. It is jointly run by the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research (MPS) and the University of Göttingen. Read more at

http://www.solar-system-school.de/ [12]

The science covered by the department Planets and Comets (one of three departments at the MPS) includes a wide spectrum of planetary research. We study the structure and composition of planets in our solar system as well as dynamic processes. The research includes the deep interior, surfaces, atmospheres and the plasma environment (thin hot charged particles in the environment) of the planets. The main focus lies in the research of the terrestrial planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars) and the gas giants (Jupiter and Saturn) as well as small bodies including comets and asteroids. We study similarities and differences among the various objects and compare them with each other to better understand the evolution of our solar system.

A list of open PhD projects in planetary sciences and cometary science is available at

https://www.mps.mpg.de/phd/open-projects [13]

Solar System School students collaborate with leading scientists in these fields and graduates are awarded a doctoral degree from the renowned University of Göttingen.

The Solar System School is open to students from all countries and offers an international three-year PhD program in an exceptional research environment with state-of-the-art facilities on the Göttingen Campus. Solar
System Science is a key research area on Göttingen Campus, performed jointly with the nearby Institute of Astrophysics and the Institute of Geophysics of the Faculty of Physics, the Faculties of Chemistry, Mathematics, Geosciences, and the German Aerospace Center.

Applicants to the Solar System School should have a keen interest in Solar system science and a record of academic excellence. They must have, or must be about to obtain, an M.Sc. degree or equivalent in physics or a related field, including a written Masters thesis (or a scientific publication), and must document a good command of the English language.

Online applications should be submitted before the **deadline of 15 November 2017** via [https://www.mps.mpg.de/phd/applynow](https://www.mps.mpg.de/phd/applynow)

Contact Email: info@solar-system-school.de

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

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