

Message from The Chair: 50th Annual Meeting of the AAS Division For Planetary Sciences from October 21-26, 2018 in Knoxville, Tennessee

Abstract submission for our annual meeting is now open! Regular abstracts are due Thursday, July 26, 2018.

Registration will open June 20 and both local and scientific organizing committees are working with AAS meeting planners to make this meeting a place to share our recent scientific results and to continue our collaborations with colleagues.

More information, as it becomes available, can be found at the meeting website:

<https://aas.org/meetings/dps50> [1]

Here are some key dates to be aware of:

30 June 2018 Workshop Proposal Submission Deadline

26 July 2018 Regular Abstract Deadline

31 July 2018 Early Registration Deadline (lowest cost!)

Note that there will be limited and expensive hotel rooms close to the Knoxville Convention Center in downtown Knoxville on the Saturday night before the meeting (Oct 20) due to the home football game between Tennessee and Alabama. The LOC and AAS staff are working to find meeting space so that workshops can be held on Saturday October 27. There will be meeting space for workshops at the Knoxville Convention Center on Sunday October 21 (before the meeting), but it will be extremely difficult for some people to get into Knoxville early that day (particularly those coming from the west coast). Another option for workshop attendees would be to stay at a hotel outside of the downtown area on Saturday night. Workshop conveners should consider these constraints and communicate with expected attendees when deciding on workshop dates and times.

We are planning multiple field trips for the weekend after the meeting. Expected offerings include a visit to the Oakridge National Laboratory, nearby caves, and hiking in the Smoky Mountains.

We plan to continue offering electronic posters this year. We will also be having a banquet at the Knoxville Museum of Art and an ice-cream social on Friday afternoon.

We look forward to seeing you in Knoxville in October. And when you see members of the [local or scientific organizing committees](#) [2], please thank them for their time and efforts.

Cathy Olkin
DPS Chair

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