

## Solar Systems In Focus

5 August 2013

\*\* Contact details appear below. \*\*

SOLAR SYSTEMS IN FOCUS:  
45TH MEETING OF THE AAS DIVISION FOR PLANETARY SCIENCES,  
6-11 OCTOBER 2013, DENVER, COLORADO

The 45th meeting of the Division for Planetary Sciences (DPS) of the American Astronomical Society (AAS) will take place at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, 1550 Court Place, Denver, CO 80202, from Sunday, 6 October, through Friday, 11 October 2013. More than 600 astronomers and planetary scientists are expected to attend, and they'll give some 700 presentations to communicate new results obtained on our solar system as well as on extrasolar planetary systems from both ground- and space-based studies. The meeting program includes both oral and poster sessions, along with featured talks from DPS prize winners.

The AAS offers complimentary press registration to bona fide working journalists and public-information officers (PIOs); see details below.

Main meeting website (including information on travel & lodging):  
<http://aas.org/meetings/45th-meeting-division-planetary-sciences> [1]

Search or browse the meeting program:  
[http://aas.org/meetings/dps45/science\\_program](http://aas.org/meetings/dps45/science_program) [2]

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<http://aas.org/media/press-releases/embargo-policy-aas-division-meetings> [3]

Some specific presentations of interest to the media (authors and presentation dates and times will be available via the meeting program link, above, by late August or early September):

- \* "End of the World: Using Science to Dispel Public Fear," David Morrison, NASA Lunar Science Institute
- \* "Titan's Spectacular Volte-Face," Caitlin Griffith, University of Arizona
- \* "Planets Orbiting M Dwarf Stars: The Most Characterizable Terrestrial Exoplanets Are Also the Most Abundant," Philip Muirhead, Boston University
- \* "Mars Science Laboratory: Findings and Highlights of the First Year," Sushil Atreya, University of Michigan
- \* "The Kuiper Belt After 20 Years: Past, Present & Future," Hilke Schlichting, MIT
- \* "Voyager at the Edge of Interstellar Space," Edward Stone, Caltech
- \* "The Chelyabinsk Airburst Event," Mark Boslough, Sandia National Labs
- \* "Small Is NOT Dull: Unraveling the Complexity of Surface Processes on Asteroids, Comets, and Small Satellites," Joseph Veverka, Cornell University
- \* "From Pebbles to Planets," Anders Johansen, Lund University
- \* "Near-Earth Objects: Finding Them Before They Find Us," Don Yeomans, JPL

### Complimentary Press Registration

Registration is free for bona fide media representatives; please contact DPS Press Officer Dr. Vishnu Reddy ([dpspress@aas.org](mailto:dpspress@aas.org) [4]) prior to your arrival in Denver.

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## Press Facilities

A press office will be set up at the Sheraton in Plaza Court 7 and will be open to journalists during normal conference hours. Among other amenities, it will offer workspace and wireless Internet connectivity.

News briefings for the media will be conducted during the lunch break (12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. MDT) in Governor's Square 11, Monday through Wednesday, 7-9 October. Topics and speakers will be announced at [http://aas.org/meetings/dps45/science\\_program](http://aas.org/meetings/dps45/science_program) [2] as soon as they're confirmed.

During the meeting you may reach DPS Press Officer Dr. Vishnu Reddy via cell phone at +1 808-342-8932. Assisting in the press room is AAS Press Officer Dr. Rick Fienberg ([rick.fienberg@aaas.org](mailto:rick.fienberg@aaas.org) [5], cell +1 857-891-5649).

## Remote Access to Press Conferences

Journalists unable to attend the meeting in person may tune in to our Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday briefings streamed live on the Web. Since the webcast includes audio, video, and PowerPoint slides, you must have a broadband (high-speed) Internet connection to watch and listen.

The webcast also includes a chat window whereby remote participants may ask questions. We can't guarantee that all questions received from webcast viewers will be asked aloud -- it depends on how much time we have and how many questions we're getting from onsite reporters.

Details of the webcasts can be obtained by contacting the DPS Press Officer prior to the meeting.

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