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1. Report from the NAC Planetary Science Subcommittee, June 23-24 can be found at the OPAG website <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/opag/announcements.html>

Copies of the agenda and presentations can be found in the "unofficial" PSS website at:
<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/pss/agenda/200806/>

The Planetary Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council met on 23-24 June at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. The agenda included the usual updates on the Planetary Science and Mars Exploration Programs and reports on the activities of the community-based assessment groups (MEPAG, LEAG, OPAG, etc.) There were also presentations on the Cassini extended mission, the current status of planning for Mars Sample Return and the Outer Planet Flagship.

The presentation on OPAG by Fran Bagenal can also be found on the OPAG site
<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/opag/announcements.html>

2. Status of Outer Planet Flagship mission studies

Curt Niebur (NASA HQ) made a presentation on the status of the OPF studies at the June PSS meeting. This outlined the main changes to the studies after Ed Weiler took over SMD. The presentation is posted here:
<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/opag/announcements.html>

We hope to have an update on the status of the studies within the next few weeks.

Note that the study reports are due on November 3rd. We expect that there will be extensive discussion of the two mission concepts at the November 6-7th OPAG meeting.

3. Next meetings

The next PSS meeting will be at NASA HQ on October 2-3, 2008
The next OPAG meeting will be in Tempe, Arizona on November 6-7, 2008