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May I emphasize that the November meeting of OPAG is a very important occasion. We - the outer planets science community - need to hear the results of the extensive, detailed studies of missions to Europa and Titan. We will discuss their scientific merits and hear about technical feasibility. This will probably be the last opportunity for OPAG to provide comments to NASA for their potential decision about these two missions.

The Planetary Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council met last week. I anticipate sending out another OPAG Update with the news coming from that meeting within the next few days.

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1. OPAG Meeting - November 6-7, Tempe, AZ

Don't forget to make you travel arrangements to attend the next OPAG meeting on Nov. 6-7. We have a block of rooms available at the Four Points by Sheraton Tempe Hotel (1333 South Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85281) under the name "NASA OPAG Workshop." The room rate is $102 per night plus tax, and the block will be closed on Oct. 15. You can make reservations by calling (480)968-3451.

Agenda will be posted soon (after DPS).
The meeting will most probably wind up around lunchtime on Friday.

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2. NASA Proposal Writing Workshop at DPS

Discipline scientists at NASA Headquarters will host a proposal writing workshop at the DPS meeting this fall that may be of interest to you, your colleagues, or your graduate students. The workshop will be held on Friday, October 10, from 1-5 pm at the conference hotel in Ithaca. The workshop is open to all interested planetary scientists from graduate students on up and is free of charge. The workshop will focus on understanding NASA's research programs and will include information on how to write a research proposal, where to apply for funding, and

what kind of feedback one can expect. Other opportunities for funding, such as participating scientist programs and education/public outreach add-on awards, will also be discussed. To register, send an e-mail with your name, affiliation, and current position to curt.niebur@nasa.gov.

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3. Boeing spacecraft notice

"Boeing has a mature spacecraft bus well-suited for a New Frontiers class Outer Planets mission. Key features include up to 25 kw solar array power at 1 AU (scales to ~ 1 kw @ 5 AU), built in ion propulsion and 10 arc second pointing stability. If you wish to learn more about this capability, please contact Mike Kaplan at michael.s.kaplan@boeing.com or 303-516-9316"

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