

OPAG Update Jan 23rd, 2009

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1. OPF status

After reviews by NASA and ESA teams the two candidates for the next Outer Planets Flagship mission are up for selection - SOON. Ed Weiler (NASA SMD Director) and David Southward (ESA Science Director) will be making a decision on the next Outer Planet Flagship mission (current date of their meeting is Feb 12). Joint NASA/ESA statements on these missions can be found at <http://opfm.jpl.nasa.gov/>

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2. Report from PSS meeting Jan 2009

The Planetary Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Committee met in DC on Jan 9th. The main topic was the consequences for the NASA Planetary Science Division budget of the cost overruns of MSL. The presentations and report can be found at <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/pss/jan92009/> and report is on the OPAG website at <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/opag/announcements.html>

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3. Next OPAG meeting

Dates: Mon/Tues 9-10, 2009
Location: Bethesda Doubletree (tentative/potential/possibly), Maryland.