



- Current planning for 2013 launch opportunity
  - Analysis of loss of MGS: causes and effects
- 11:00 - Discussion - Sean Solomon  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 - Analysis Group Reports
- VExAG - Janet Luhmann
  - LEAG - Clive Neal
  - MEPAG - Ray Arvidson
  - OPAG - Fran Bagenal
  - CAPTEM - Chip Shearer
  - FEAT - Art Snoke
- 3:30 - Presentation by NASA Administrator  
 4:30 - Discussion and Preparation of Recommendations - Sean Solomon  
 6:00 Adjourn

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Planetary Atmospheres Workshop

Phil Crane is organizing a workshop on planetary atmospheres for the couple of days before the November OPAG meeting - both to be held near APL, Maryland. Stay tuned for further information in future OPAG updates. Or contact Phil:

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT: "Discovery at 15: Looking Backward, Looking Forward"

Late in 1991, Congress directed NASA to prepare "a plan to stimulate and develop small planetary or other space science projects, emphasizing those which could be accomplished by the academic or research communities." NASA's response in April 1992 was the Discovery Program.

This is the first announcement of "Discovery at 15: Looking Backward, Looking Forward". The conference will be held on September 19-20 in Huntsville, AL -- the home of the Discovery Program Office. All former Principal Investigators, Project Managers, and Education/Public Outreach Leads will be invited to participate in the conference. The conference will also be open to the scientific community and a session of contributed posters on mission concepts and new technologies is planned.

Future announcements will include the URL of the conference website.  
 Please circulate this email to all interested parties.

See you in September!

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Icy Satellite Workshop, Boulder, CO, Aug 13-15



The workshop is open to all interested planetary scientists from senior graduate students on up and is free of charge. The morning session 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. The afternoon session will be a Mock Peer Review for participants who are ready to apply for grants and want to understand what happens to their proposal after submission.

To register, send an e-mail with your name, affiliation, and current position to [curt.niebur@nasa.gov](mailto:curt.niebur@nasa.gov).

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#### Next OPAG meetings

The next meeting will be held in Boston on May 1-2.  
The second meeting will be held near APL, Maryland Nov 8-9.

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