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1 - Planetary Science Subcommittee **\*\*Unofficial\*\*** website  
There is an **\*\*Unofficial\*\*** website for PSS materials at LPI  
<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/pss/>

Go here for presentations from PSS meetings and reports.

Meeting reports are also posted at

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2 - ICY WORLDS FOCUS GROUP

From Ron Greeley:

At the request of Carl Pilcher and the National Astrobiology Institute, Jonathan and I have agreed to organize a meeting "NAI Icy Worlds Focus Group" at NASA-Ames Research Center 20-21 September 2007. This meeting is a possible fusion of previous "focus groups," such as the Titan and Europa FGs.

As in previous focus group meeting, the goals of the September meeting are to share relevant astrobiology research results and to provide a venue for fostering collaborative work. In addition, we plan to hear about the four "flagship mission" studies currently underway for Europa, titan, Enceladus, and the Jupiter system.

We recognize that there are various meeting this year regarding the outer solar system, but the Icy Worlds Focus Group is to provide a

means for astrobiology to share ideas.

If interested, please fill out the following and return to [greeley@asu.edu](mailto:greeley@asu.edu):

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
I cannot attend \_\_\_\_  
I will probably attend \_\_\_\_  
I will attend \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to present (add title) \_\_\_\_\_

We look forward to hearing from you!  
Ron Greeley, Arizona State University  
([greeley@asu.edu](mailto:greeley@asu.edu))

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### 3 - Planet-Satellite Formation Meeting

The final list of invited speakers for the December 6-7th 2007 NASA Ames Planet-Satellite Formation Meeting can now be found out at:

<http://spacescience.arc.nasa.gov/agu/>

Speakers will be encouraged to present concise overviews of our current understanding of key physical processes as well as address those areas that afford opportunity for future research.

A conference proceedings is currently in the works, including a NASA HQ's perspective on outer Solar System research by Planetary Sciences director Dr. James Green. Ignacio Mosqueira will edit the volume (additional editor(s) yet to be determined).

Because we have received a number of requests for participation, we plan to accept print-only abstracts to be added to the meeting program. Depending on the level of interest, we will look into the possibility of allotting time for short presentations.

Abstracts should be in line with the meeting program and fall into three main themes:

- \* Formation and composition of giant and dwarf planets.
- \* And of their satellites.
- \* Links between circumplanetary and circumstellar disks and comparisons between minor bodies.

Please check the website for schedule updates and abstract deadlines.

The organizing committee:  
Ignacio Mosqueira  
Dale Cruikshank

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#### 4 - Saturn after Cassini/Huygens

The Symposium "Saturn after Cassini/Huygens" will be held in London, 28 July – 1 August 2008. The Symposium will consist of invited and contributed papers. A companion book will be published by Springer, to be edited by Michele Dougherty, Tom Krimigis and Larry Esposito. The book will include review chapters from the invited oral papers. Contributed papers will be published in a special issue of one or more journals. The book will be approximately 750 pages in length, covering the planet Saturn, its magnetosphere, rings and icy satellites. Titan will be the topic of another conference. The lead authors of the invited chapters will be selected by the editors in September 2007.

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#### 5 - Call for Ring Chapter Authors for Saturn Symposium

If you are interested in contributing, the five rings chapters, as well as response contact information and more, can be found at:  
<http://lasp.colorado.edu/cassini/SaturnSymposium.htm>

Deadline is 3 August, 2007

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#### 6 - New Horizons at Jupiter Workshop - CANCELLED

We've decided to CANCEL the NH Jupiter Encounter Workshop, originally scheduled for 10/26-27 at APL.

Basically, there are too many other meetings this fall (meeting burnout), and the principal objectives of the Workshop will already be addressed by the special NH session at DPS2007 in October and by the informal colleague-to-colleague splinter meetings that will certainly take place at that DPS meeting.

Hal Weaver

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#### 7 - November meetings - all in the same venue - in Greenbelt, MD vicinity

November 4–5, 2007  
Venus exploration Analysis Group (VEXAG)

November 6–7, 2007  
Planetary Atmospheres Workshop

Nov. 8–9, 2007  
Outer Planets Analysis Group (OPAG)