

Venus Science Conference and Ninth VEXAG Meeting
Tuesday, August 30 – Thursday, September 1, 2011
Smithsonian Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, Dulles Airport, Washington DC

VEXAG Meeting #9

The 9th VEXAG meeting will be 1-1/2 days beginning on Tuesday morning and continuing on Wednesday morning. We anticipate Dr. Michael New (Discovery Program Officer) and Dr. James Green (Director, Planetary Science Division, NASA/Science Mission Directorate) to present a summary of the Discovery selections and be available for discussions. *Please register at the VEXAG URL (www.lpi.usra.edu/vexag which will link to venus.wisc.edu/workshop).*

Venus Science Conference

The Venus Science Conference will be 1-1/2 days beginning on Wednesday afternoon and continuing on Thursday. All scientists interested in Venus are invited to present their findings from Ground-based Observations of Venus, Results from the Venus Express Mission and Observational Strategies for Future Exploration of Venus. There are no registration fees for the 2-day Science Symposium. *Abstracts may be submitted through August 10, 2011 via the web.*

Student Travel Support

Students interested in Venus are encouraged to attend as VEXAG anticipates supporting student travel for about 10 students. *Interested students should submit an abstract and an application for travel support with a letter from their research advisor at the VEXAG URL by the abstract deadline of August 10, 2011.*

Hotel Accommodations

A block of sleeping rooms is currently on hold for meeting participants at the Courtyard Dulles Airport Chantilly Hotel, 3935 Centerview Drive, Chantilly, VA, 20151. Earliest Check-in is Monday, August 29, 2011 at 3:00 PM; latest check-out is Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 12:00 PM. If you wish to arrive earlier and leave later, please check with the hotel regarding the rate they will offer.

Reservations may be made on-line at the following URL:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/IADCA?groupCode=NRENREA&app=resvlink&fromDate=8/29/11&toDate=9/1/11>

To make reservations on the phone, dial 1 (800) 321-2211. Please ask the reservations clerk to include your name in the "VEXAG Room Block" in order to receive the group rate of \$129.00 per night (plus 9% tax). The Group Code is NRENREA You'll need to provide the reservations clerk with your full name, credit card number and expiration date to cover the cost of your room and incidental expenses. It is strongly advised that you secure accommodations to the event as soon as possible. All attendees will be fully responsible for obtaining, managing, cancelling, and incurring the cost of all expenses relative to ones respective hotel

reservation.

Travel

Dulles Airport (IAD) is the most convenient airport for this meeting. For more information about Washington D.C. Metropolitan Airports and local travel, please visit: <http://www.metwashairports.com/>

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