

THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARS UPDATE—July 8, 1999

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

The program and abstracts are posted on this Web page; hard-copy programs and CD-ROM abstracts will be available in the registration package.

Almost all abstracts were accepted, but that imposed rigid time constraints and there are no formal breaks. The invited talks are restricted to a maximum of 30 minutes (20-23 minutes for talk, 7-10 minutes for questions, introduction, and change of speaker). All other talks were restricted to a maximum of 10 minutes (5-7 minutes for talk, 3-5 minutes for questions, introduction, and change of speakers).

The auditorium will have two vugraph projectors and two 35-mm projectors. It is not set up for effective computer or video projection.

Poster sessions are being held in conjunction with lunch on Tuesday and Thursday noon. The special poster session on "Instruments and Missions" will be held on Tuesday 5:00-7:00 p.m. prior to the Bar-B-Q; beer will be available. The poster session on Mars Mapping will be held on Friday 4:00-5:00 p.m. An ISPRS workshop on Mars Mapping will be held in the Robert P. Sharp Lecture Hall on Saturday and its abstracts are included in the program.

The poster boards are 36 inches high by 80 inches wide and will be set up so that each side will be used by a poster presentation. They are covered with velcro-sticking fabric, can hold pins, and are freestanding.

Box lunches will be provided to registrants in the conference area each noon and coffee and rolls will be provided in the morning before the session. No food or drink is allowed in the auditorium. The cafeteria is available nearby.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held on Sunday July 18 from 5:00 –8:00 p.m. at the Caltech Athenaeum at the corner of Hill and California. A cash bar will be available so this is a good opportunity to meet friends before going to dinner. Registration will also be available on Monday morning.

DABNEY LOUNGE

Dabney Lounge is adjacent to the lunch and poster area and will be set up with computer and phone connections for your laptop, a press area, and various computer or video demonstrations.

EVENING EVENTS

On Monday evening a joint PSG meeting for the principal investigators and team leaders of MGS, Mars 98, and Mars 01 will be held to discuss items of mutual interest to

these project members. It will start at 7:00 p.m. on the patio of the Fu Shing restaurant at 2900 E. Colorado.

On Tuesday evening the poster and beer session will be followed by a Bar-B-Q in the conference area. These are provided to registrants, but guest tickets may be obtained for \$15.00.

On Wednesday evening there is a technical session on "Surface Materials: Orbital View" from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

On Thursday evening the Conference Banquet will be held in the Caltech Athenaeum beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets must be obtained at Registration. Cost and speaker will be posted within a few days.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

Parking is available in the various parking lots in all slots that do not have a name painted on the "headstone." You should be able to find parking before 8:00 a.m., but it may be difficult later because of the construction of a parking structure in a former parking lot. Car-pooling is suggested. A bus pickup may be available for several major hotels and the schedule will be available at registration on Sunday..