

**2nd Information Circular
26th MEPAG Meeting
October 4, 2012
Monrovia, CA, USA**

Letter of Invitation

Members of the Mars community,

I cordially invite you to attend the 26th meeting of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG), scheduled for October 4, 2012, at the [DoubleTree Hotel](#) in Monrovia, CA.

There have been many developments related to NASA's Mars exploration program since our last MEPAG meeting in February 2012. This meeting will focus on the implications, potential future plans, and recent science updates.

Key discussion topics will include:

- Results from the Mars Program Planning Group (MPPG)
- Discussion of Mars program status, budget, current missions, and forward planning
- Reporting from the joint MEPAG/SBAG Precursor Strategic Analysis Group (P-SAG)
- Current interactions with the Human Exploration organization (HEOMD)
- Summary of scientific objectives and plans for the Discovery Program's InSight mission, which was recently selected by the SMD AA
- Reports on major recent Mars-themed scientific conferences
- Planning for future MEPAG work

The meeting is open to all members of the Mars science community including our international colleagues. We will also broadcast the meeting via WebEx for those who cannot attend in person.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in California!

Sincerely,
Dr. David Des Marais
MEPAG Chair

DRAFT - Agenda for MEPAG meeting of October 4, 2012

Start Time Agenda Item

Note: All speakers should assume that 30-50% of their time allocation is for discussion.

Day 1 - Thursday, October 4, 2012			
Start Time	End Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
08:15 AM	0:15	Welcome; Goals of this Meeting, Introduction to the Agenda	D. Des Marais, MEPAG Chair
08:30 AM	0:30	NASA: State of the Mars Program	D. McCuiston/M. Meyer
09:00 AM	0:30	Report from the MEPAG P-SAG	D. Beaty/M. Carr
09:30 AM	0:15	Break	
09:45 AM	1:30	Report of the MPPG	O. Figueroa
11:15 AM	0:45	Discussion	
12:00 PM	1:30	Lunch	
01:30 PM	0:15	ESA: State of the Program	TBC
01:45 PM	0:20	Report from the Human Exploration Program	M. Wargo
02:05 PM	0:30	MSL Update	TBD
02:35 PM	0:10	Break	
02:45 PM	0:20	Goals Document: recent updates and future plans	V. Hamilton
03:05 PM	0:15	MAVEN status	B. Jakosky
03:20 PM	0:30	Discovery Program: Insight mission	B. Banerdt
03:50 PM		Mars Meeting Reports	
03:50 PM	0:15	The Mantle of Mars: Insights from Theory, Geophysics, High-Pressure Studies, and Meteorites	J. Papike/C. Shearer/D. Beaty
04:05 PM	0:15	First International Planetary Caves Workshop: Implications for Astrobiology, Climate, Detection, and Exploration (October, 2011)	P. Boston - via video
04:20 PM	0:25	Discussion/Future Planning for MEPAG Activities	D. Des Marais
04:45 PM		Adjourn	

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Fifth International Conference on Mars Polar Science and Exploration (September, 2011)	S. Clifford
Third International Conference on Early Mars: Geologic and Hydrologic Evolution, Physical and Chemical Environments, and the Implications for Life (May 21-25, 2012)	S. Clifford

WebEx directions:

Topic: MEPAG #26 October 2012

Date: October 4, 2012

Time: 8:00 am, Pacific Daylight Time (San Francisco, GMT-07:00)

Event number: 994 396 241

Event password: Mars

Event address for attendees:

<https://jpl.webex.com/jpl/onstage/g.php?d=994396241&t=a>

Basic Logistics

- Date: Thursday, October 4 – 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.
- Location: Double Tree Hotel
924 W. Huntington Drive
Monrovia, CA 91016
(626) 357-1900
- Lodging: See below for list of additional area hotels
- Meeting RSVP: So that we can plan the meeting logistics (e.g., seating, morning and afternoon refreshments, name badges, handouts, etc.), we request that all participants RSVP by **September 28, 2012**, to Joyce Pulliam (Joyce.N.Pulliam@jpl.nasa.gov). Please note that an RSVP is not required to attend the meeting, but primarily for planning purposes.

If you need additional information, please contact Charles Budney, MEPAG meeting coordinator, charles.j.budney@jpl.nasa.gov, phone = 818-354-3981. If you have updates to the master MEPAG e-mail list (either correction of faulty e-mail addresses, addition of Mars science colleagues who have been inadvertently omitted), or deletions, please contact Joyce Pulliam (Joyce.N.Pulliam@jpl.nasa.gov).

Additional area hotels:

700 Huntington Hotel
700 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016
Phone: 626-357-5211

Extended Stay America Arcadia
401 E. Santa Clara St., Arcadia, CA 91006
Phone: 626-446-6422

Embassy Suites
211 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91006
Phone: 626-445-8525

Hampton Inn
311 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91006
Phone: 626-574-5600

Hilton Garden Inn
199 N. Second Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006
Phone: 626-574-6900

Homestead Studio Suites Monrovia
930 S. Fifth Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016
Phone: 626-256-6999

Residence Inn
321 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91006
Phone: 626-446-6500