

OPAG Newsletter
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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for attending the OPAG townhall meeting at the DPS this year. We got great feedback from you on the new OPAG science goals document. The OPAG committee will work to incorporate all your comments. If there is more detail you'd like to provide please send a marked-up version of the goals document pdf to the committee email list: opag-committee@lists.hou.usra.edu. The science goals document is posted on the OPAG website: <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/opag/>

Titan scientists: you may be interested in the 4th International Planetary Dunes workshop, which will be held May 19-22, 2015 in Boise, ID. For more information go to <http://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/dunes2015/>

Also important to Titan scientists, Icarus has issued a call for papers for a special issue titled: "Recent advances in surface and atmospheric processes on Titan." This special issue invites papers that describe observations, theoretical models, and laboratory experiments that relate to the processes that modify Titan's surface and drive its atmosphere. For more information go to: <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/opag/updates.shtml>. The deadline to submit papers is March 15, 2015.

Another Icarus special issue will address rings: "Planetary Rings". The year 2014 marks the tenth year of operations of the NASA/ESA Cassini orbiter at Saturn, a period which has seen a tremendous increase in our knowledge of the planet's ring system. As a result, previous theoretical models have been challenged or revised, and many new questions have been raised. For more information go to: <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/opag/updates.shtml>. The deadline to submit papers is January 16, 2015.

Have you been wondering how the JUICE project is going? A comprehensive description of the science goals, payload, spacecraft and mission plan was published in September 2014. This is the link to the JUICE redbook: <http://sci.esa.int/juice/54994-juice-definition-study-report/>

I have been remiss about publishing our OPAG reports to the Planetary Science Subcommittee. You will find the latest ones here: <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/opag/reports/>.

We have decided on the date for the next OPAG meeting: it will take place 19-20 February 2015, at NASA Ames. Please mark your calendars! The next step in the development of our new science goals document will be to identify and finalize over-arching themes. This will be the basis for strategizing how to proceed with

respect to future missions and technology development. Gradually we are heading to prioritization for the next decadal survey, so it is important to capture the important science questions as a basis.

Sincerely,
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