

Venus Newsletter September 24, 2021

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Venus Listserve News for late September, 2021

- 1) LPI IDEA Independent Advisory Committee Announcement
- 2) 19th VEXAG (Virtual) Tentative Agenda

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The Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) is seeking committee members for its newly established IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility) Independent Advisory Committee.

Service is at the heart of the LPI's mission. As we support and serve members of our diverse planetary science community, we want to take actions to ensure we facilitate a culture and a profession that is inclusive, diverse, equitable, and accessible. As a mechanism for direct community feedback and accountability, we are announcing the creation of an independent advisory committee. The goal of the advisory committee is to provide guidance on the LPI's practices, in particular for meetings, conferences, and public and planetary community engagement activities.

We are seeking up to four committee members. Service on the committee will be supported through an honorarium. The committee is expected to meet at least twice a year to provide community feedback on LPI organized activities, but more meetings may occur in response to events or specific requests.

To apply, please submit a cover letter (up to 2-pages) and brief CV (up to 2-pages) highlighting your experience and interest in supporting IDEA practices to Cynthia Svamera (csvamera@usra.edu), the USRA HR business partner at LPI, by **Friday October 8th**.

LPI is a multi-disciplinary institution that includes experts in planetary science and astrobiology, education and public engagement, communication, event hosting, and much more. Applications from individuals with experience in advocating for IDEA and allyship and from those that reflect the broad community at the LPI are encouraged to apply. Because the committee may include discussions on private issues, all committee members will be required to sign an NDA (Non-Disclosure Agreement).

About Us: The LPI is a scientific research institute that provides support services to NASA and the planetary science community. It was established by NASA and the National Academy of Sciences, originally as the Lunar Science Institute. The LPI is operated by the Universities Space Research Association under a cooperative agreement with NASA's Science Mission Directorate. To learn more about us: <https://www.lpi.usra.edu/about/>

Thanks,

Kathleen
Co-Chair LPI IDEA Independent Advisory Committee

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With Virtual VEXAG this November, we're condensing to a little more than 2 half-days, with a poster session each day to be held on Gather.Town. Here is the tentative agenda. Some changes are possible. We currently have over 110 registrants and over 60 posters scheduled.

(All Times approximate - Eastern/Baltimore Standard)

Monday Nov. 8

1pm-2:35 VEXAG update, HQ presentation HOTTECH/PESTO
2:35-3:15
PSP / SO / JUICE / BepiColombo
3:15-4:15
Poster Lightning Session 1
4:15-5:15
Poster Session 1 Gather.Town

Tuesday Nov. 9

9:30am-9:40
Akatsuki
9:40-10:30
Poster Lightning Session 2
10:30-11:30
Poster Session 2 Gather.Town
11:30-12:30pm VERITAS / DAVINCI / Venera-D / EnVision
12:30-1:15
Reports: Strategic Plan / Venus Surface Platform Study / KISS In Situ / ISSI Venus Workshop / LPI Venus Initiative
1:15-2:30
Findings, VEXAG Business, Initiatives