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Cancellation of LPSC 2020

With the unfortunate news of the cancellation of LPSC 2020 due to concerns over the COVID-19 virus. The various VEXAG Town Hall and other activities are also all off for that period of time. We will be looking for opportunities to cover VEXAG-specific items, such as White Paper Review and New Frontiers Petition signing in alternative venues in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, there are several possible modes for alternative presentation/dissemination of LPSC talks and posters.

Petition reminder:

As initially posted on Jan 8, VEXAG seeks to collect more than 500 signatures to a petition to headquarters to revise the language before the next New Frontiers call. Please, can you add your name to our petition? It only takes a minute:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pP5rfYb7xhnd3TpsZ4tpw__gqhF6attKN4VvxpcAfiM/edit?usp=sharing<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pP5rfYb7xhnd3TpsZ4tpw__gqhF6attKN4VvxpcAfiM/edit?usp=sharing=>

Earth and Space Science Open Archive (ESSOAr)

The Earth and Space Science Open Archive (ESSOAr) has added an LPSC 2020 option for posting posters and/or slides on its pre-print/poster service. This service is also used for AGU Fall Meeting. ESSOAr has the advantage that your upload can get a DOI.

https://www.essoar.org/

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2020 NASA Planetary Science Summer School Applications Open

Now through March 30, 2020, NASA is accepting applications for its 32nd Annual Planetary Science Summer School. Offered by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, PSSS is a 3-month long early career development experience to help prepare the next generation of planetary science and engineering mission leaders. Participants learn the process of developing a hypothesis-driven robotic space mission in a concurrent engineering environment while getting an in-depth, first-hand look at mission design, life cycle, costs, schedule and the trade-offs inherent in each.

Science and engineering doctoral candidates, recent Ph.D.s, postdocs, junior faculty, and certain master's degree students, who are U.S. Citizens or legal permanent residents (and a very limited number of Foreign Nationals from non-designated counties), are eligible. Applicants from diverse backgrounds are particularly encouraged to apply. Partial financial support is available for a limited number of individuals.

Session 1: Preparatory Sessions May 11-July 17. Culminating Week at JPL July 20-24
Session 2: Preparatory Sessions May 11-July 31. Culminating Week at JPL August 3-7

Roughly equivalent in workload to a rigorous 3-hour graduate-level course, participants spend the first 10-11 weeks in preparatory webinars acting as a science mission team, prior to spending the final culminating week at JPL being mentored by JPL?s Advance Project Design Team, or ?Team X? to refine their planetary science mission concept design, then present it to a mock expert review board.

The deadline is March 30, 2020. To apply and learn more about the NASA Science Mission Design Schools:

http://go.nasa.gov/missiondesignschools

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Exoplanets in Our Backyard presentations now available at meeting site

Posters and presentations given at The Exoplanets in Our Backyard meeting, held February 5-7, including the popular introductory talks, are now up and available on the meeting website:]\https://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/exoplanets2020/presentations/exoplanets2020_program_presentations.htm

The title of each talk links to its abstract, The "Presentation" link next to each talk leads to the slides