

VEXAG #9 Resolutions
August 30 to September 1, 2011
Uvar-Hazy Smithsonian Museum

1. VEXAG fully supports the Venus Climate Mission recommended by the Decadal Study, and urges the Planetary Science Division to fund a Science Definition Study as soon as practical. As one aspect of the study, VEXAG urges that opportunities for meaningful international cooperation be explored to help to significantly reduce total mission cost to NASA.
2. VEXAG recognizes the importance to support an interdisciplinary approach to study climate, and will continue to spearhead and support the Comparative Climatology Conference in 2012. VEXAG requests the support of NASA to endorse and convene this multidisciplinary approach to climate.
3. VEXAG recognizing the attrition of scientists that the Venus community is experiencing and has formed a “Young Scholar Focus Group” to promote and encourage a new generation of Venus scientists.
4. VEXAG recognizes the importance of Earth stratospheric balloons as viable platforms for planetary and Venus observations and requests NASA PSD to continue to fund such initiatives as part of the suborbital program.