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28th MEPAG Meeting
July 23, 2013
Web meeting

MEPAG Meeting Logistics

Members of the Mars community,

On behalf of Lisa Pratt, MEPAG Chairperson, we cordially invite you to participate in the 28th meeting of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG), scheduled as an electronic meeting for July 23, 2013.

Using Adobe Connect (instructions below and on the MEPAG website), this meeting will occur from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT (8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PDT) Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

Key discussion topics will include:

- Mars program status, budget, and current missions.
- 2020 Mars Rover Science Definition Team report
- Planning for future MEPAG work.

The current agenda is included below (second page).

The meeting is open to all members of the Mars science community including our international colleagues. Thank you for your understanding regarding this virtual meeting format, and please note our expanded question period (described on page 3).

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Charles Budney
MEPAG Chair Support
Mars Program Office, JPL

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 Carla De La Paz (Carla.L.De.La.Paz@jpl.nasa.gov).

Agenda for MEPAG web meeting of July 23, 2013

Electronic Meeting (Adobe Connect): 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. EDT

Start	Time	Agenda Item	
Meeting Day: Tuesday, July 23, 2013		**All Times are EDT (PDT + 3hrs)**	
11:00 AM	0:15	Welcome; Desired Outcomes; Agenda	L. Pratt, MEPAG Chair
11:15 AM	0:10	Introduction to 2020 Rover SDT Activity	M. Meyer
11:25 AM	1:30	Report of the 2020 Rover SDT	J. Mustard et al.
12:55 PM	0:30	NASA: Status & Future Plans of MEP	J. Grunsfeld/J. Green
01:25 PM	0:30	Discussion: MEPAG response to 2020 vision; MEP direction and budgets	L. Pratt to lead
01:55 PM	0:15	Mars Program Mission Status	F. Li
02:10 PM	0:10	Update from 2020 Rover project	J. McNamee
02:20 PM	0:10	InSight Status	B. Banerdt
02:30 PM	0:10	Impacts of New EPO Policy	P. Christensen
02:40 PM	0:20	Discussion: MEPAG response to EPO, Conferences, Travel	L. Pratt to lead
03:00 PM	0:10	Comet Observations from Mars	R. Zurek
03:10 PM	0:20	Discussion/Future Planning for MEPAG	L. Pratt, MEPAG Chair
03:30 PM		Adjourn	

AdobeConnect Directions for the MEPAG Meeting (Virtual)

Date: July 23, 2013
Time: 11:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time (EST) (New York, GMT-05:00)

1. Go to: http://connect.arc.nasa.gov/mepag/
2. Select the radio box next to **"Enter as Guest"**
3. Please provide your full name and affiliation for our records.
4. Click **"Enter Room"**. *NOTE*: The meeting begins at 11:00 AM EST. The meeting room is set up so participants can ensure Adobe Connect is working properly.

For additional assistance contact: Erin Means:
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IMPORTANT NOTICE: This Adobe Connect service includes a feature that allows audio streaming.

TO SETUP THE STREAMING AUDIO:
Audio will automatically stream through your speakers. Please type any questions in the chat.

TO DIAL INTO THE PARTICIPANTS PHONE LINE:
Toll free phone number for US only: Expected July 17, 2013
NOTE: Speakers have been sent the Speaker's Phone Line.

<u>MEPAG Meeting Expanded Question Period</u>

The MEPAG Executive Committee recognizes that the virtual meeting format can make it difficult to ask and answer questions in an organized, timely fashion. In an attempt to provide a better experience for the community at the next MEPAG virtual meeting, we will try to post presentations early and provide the opportunity for the community to submit questions about these presentations in advance of the meeting. This is in addition to asking questions during the discussion periods during the meeting.

To peruse the presentations and ask questions in advance:
- The SDT Report will be posted when available.
- The 2020 Rover Project, NASA HQ Update, and Mars Program Status Report presentations will be posted by MEPAG on **July 16**.
- Email your questions to mepagmeetingsQs@jpl.nasa.gov.
- As several presentations will be available for early perusal/questions, please be sure to *specify which presentation the question is about*. And if your question refers to a specific slide, please *include the slide number*!
- Questions about the SDT Report presentation will be collected until **noon (PDT) July 18**.
- Questions about the 2020 Rover Project, NASA HQ Update, and Mars Program Status Report presentations will be collected until **noon (PDT) July 19**.

For each presentation, we will group similar questions and provide this list to the presenters. The presenters will then be able to address these questions during their presentation or during the regular Q&A session. We will also post the organized list of collected questions to the MEPAG website (without author attribution) on **July 22** so the community can see what had been asked.

Questions can *also* be asked during the meeting, as is usually done: via the meeting-program chat function (or by email: mepagmeetingQs@jpl.nasa.gov). Questions asked during the presentation will again be organized by topic, and then addressed during the Q&A immediately following the presentation or during scheduled discussion breaks. (We will not interrupt presentations with questions.)

We hope that by expanding the time when the community can see the presentations and ask questions, we will help everyone make the best use of the limited time and interaction during the meeting while also giving community members greater opportunity to request clarification and raise concerns.

Please send any comments/feedback on this process to mepagmeetingQs@jpl.nasa.gov. We are working hard to try and improve the experience for the community of our virtual meetings.