Welcome to MEPAG Meeting 31, Day 2!

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Nominations welcomed for MEPAG Goals Committee

Life



I. Determine if Mars ever supported life

Climate



II. Understand the processes and history of climate on Mars

Geology



III. Understand the origin and evolution of Mars as a geological system

Human Exploration



IV. Prepare for human exploration

Source: MEPAG 2015, http://mepag.nasa.gov/reports.cfm?expand=science

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Committee members are expected to:

- Be familiar with the MEPAG Goals Document and the state of Mars science within their Mars disciplinary community,
- Serve as a representative of their Mars disciplinary community,
- Be able to commit to least 2-3yrs (time for 1, maybe 2, Goal revisions). Term lengths vary and can be extended through additional revisions or shortened as needed.
 - The work load peaks when a revision is needed.
 - A revision may occur within an individual Goal (vs. the full document as was done in 2015), prompted by e.g., acceleration of planning for humans on Mars or a new science discovery.

We are soliciting nominations for any of the four Goals, but currently have openings identified within **Goal I, II,** and **IV**. Self-nominations are welcome.

To submit a nomination:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DooOOABf9pDsYnAZBsoxr0p8MswuLZVYiv3PEOfrJOU/viewform (link is also on the MEPAG main page, under Updates)

The MEPAG ExCom will begin discussions regarding the current openings in April.