

Mars Exploration Science Monthly Newsletter

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Next MEPAG Meeting – February 26-27, 2013 – Washington, DC area

Mars Science News

Curiosity Nominated for Time Magazine "Person of the Year"

Time Magazine has nominated about 40 people/entities for 2013 "Person of the Year". One of the candidates is the rover Curiosity. The editors of *Time* have asked for a public vote on the candidates as input into their selection.

You can visit the *TIME* poll (<http://ti.me/WEZT8y>) to cast your vote before 11:59 p.m. on December 12.

As of this writing, Curiosity is in 7th place out of 40, one place ahead of Barack Obama. It is only a few votes out of 4th place. We encourage you to vote, and also to forward the message below to your science- and technology-friendly colleagues. If the editors ended up picking Curiosity, it would do wonders for the planetary exploration program at a time when support is sorely needed.

Near-term Due Dates (next three months)

Due	Project
12/12	The Present Day Habitability of Mars UCLA abstracts deadline
1/8	44th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference abstracts deadline
1/9	European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2013 abstracts deadline

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

Type	Date & Location	Event Information
<i>Fourth Quarter, 2012</i>		
	December 2, 2012 San Francisco, CA, USA	MAVEN Science Community Workshop Day-long discussion of MAVEN science goals, measurements, mission plan, etc., to inform science community. More information is posted at http://lasp.colorado.edu/maven
	December 3-7, 2012 San Francisco, CA, USA	AGU Fall Meeting http://fallmeeting.agu.org/2012/
<i>First Quarter, 2013</i>		

	Update January 15-16, 2013 Tucson, AZ, USA	Joint Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter-2001 Mars Odyssey PSG Meeting
	January 22-24, 2013 Kennedy Space Center, FL, USA	Planetary Protection: Policies and Practices http://planetaryprotection.nasa.gov/course
	January 23-25, 2013 Sagamihara-city, JAPAN	SELENE Symposium 2013 International Symposium on Lunar Science and Exploration Using Data from Multi-Instruments http://www.isforum.or.jp/science-event/selene_sympto_2013/en
	February 2013 Morocco	MAR2013 Northern Sahara Mars Analog Field Simulation http://www.oewf.org/cms/mars2013.phtml
	February 4-6, 2013 Los Angeles, CA, USA	The Present Day Habitability of Mars University of California at Los Angeles Abstracts deadline December 12, 2012 http://planets.ucla.edu/meetings/mars-habitability-2013/
	February 26-27, 2013 Arlington, VA, USA	Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG) #27 Save the date
	March 6-8, 2013 Washington, DC, USA	The Committee on Astrobiology and Planetary Science The National Academy of Science http://sites.nationalacademies.org/SSB/SSB_067577
	March 18-23, 2013 The Woodlands, TX, USA	44th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference Abstracts deadline January 8, 2013 http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/lpsc2013
<i>Second Quarter, 2013</i>		
	April 3-6, 2013 Gainesville, FL, USA	From Start to Life Conference First announcement http://conference.astro.ufl.edu/STARSTOLIFE/
	Update April 7-12, 2013 Vienna, AUSTRIA	European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2013 Abstracts deadline January 9, 2013 http://www.egu2013.eu/
	April 17-19, 2013 Edinburgh, SCOTLAND	UK Astrobiology Conference http://www.astrobiology.ac.uk/astrobiology-conference-2013
	April 29-May 2, 2013 Baltimore, MD, USA	Habitable Worlds Across Time and Space http://www.stsci.edu/institute/conference/habitable-worlds/
	May 6-8, 2013 Washington, DC, USA	Humans to Mars Summit (H2M) Lisner Auditorium at George Washington University Registration deadline January 1, 2013 http://h2m.eventbrite.com or http://www.exploremars.org
	May 28-29, 2013 Ithaca, NY, USA	iCubeSat 2013 – The 2nd Interplanetary CubeSat Workshop Register today, submit abstracts today http://iCubeSat.org
	June 2-6, 2013 Indianapolis, IN, USA	222nd AAS Meeting https://aas.org/meetings/aas222
	June 3-7, 2013 Darmstadt, GERMANY	Mars Express 10th Anniversary Celebration To be held at ESOC

	June 24-28, 2013 Annapolis, MD, USA	AGU Chapman Conference – Crossing Boundaries in Planetary Atmospheres: From Earth to Exoplanets http://chapman.agu.org/planetaryatmospheres
<i>Third Quarter, 2013</i>		
	July 1-4, 2013 Shanghai, CHINA	International Symposium on Planetary Science (IAPS2013) http://202.127.29.4/meetings/iaps2013
	July 9-11, 2013 Pasadena, CA, USA	9th Meeting of the NASA Small Bodies Assessment Group http://www.lpi.usra.edu/sbag/meetings/
	July 15-19, 2013 Pasadena, CA, USA	8th International Conference on Mars California Institute of Technology
	July 16-18, 2013 Moffett Field, CA, USA	NASA Lunar Science Forum http://lunarscience.nasa.gov/2013
	July 29-August 2, 2013 Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA	76th Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society http://www.metsoc2013edmonton.org
	August 4-8, 2013 Sudbury, Ontario, CANADA	Large Meteorite Impacts and Planetary Evolution V Conference http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/sudbury2013/
	August 27-31, 2013 Paris, FRANCE	IAG/AIG International Conference on Geomorphology http://www.geomorphology-iag-paris2013.com/en
	September 24-28, 2013 Medellin, COLUMBIA	2nd International Congress of Astrobiology in Columbia http://www.astrobiologia.org/2-congreso-internacional-de-astrobiologia.html
<i>Fourth Quarter, 2013</i>		
	October 27-30, 2013 Denver, CO, USA	Geological Society of America Annual Meeting
	October 30-31, 2013 Tokyo, JAPAN	International Space Exploration Symposium in Japan: Space Exploration for Humanity and the Future https://secure.mediatelier.com/ises/index-e.html
	November 18, 2013	MAVEN Launch Period Opens
	December 9-13, 2013 San Francisco, CA, USA	AGU Fall Meeting
<i>2014</i>		
	March 2014	45th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference
	July 6-11, 2014 Nara, JAPAN	ORIGINS 2014 http://www.origin-life.gr.jp/origins2014/index.html
	August 2-10, 2014 Moscow, RUSSIA	40th COSPAR 2014 and Associated Events http://www.cospar-assembly.org/
	September 22, 2014	MAVEN Mars Orbit Insertion (MOI)

October 19-22, 2014 **Geological Society of America Annual Meeting**
 Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA

	December 15-19, 2014 San Francisco, CA, USA	AGU Fall Meeting
<i>2015</i>		
	March 2015	46th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference
	November 1-4, 2015 Baltimore, MD, USA	Geological Society of America Annual Meeting
<i>2016</i>		
	March 8, 2016	20-Day InSight Launch Window Opens
	September 20, 2016	InSight Arrival at Mars

Special holidays to consider when scheduling conferences/workshops/meetings:

Good Friday	4/6/2012	3/29/2013	4/18/2014	4/3/2015	4/6/2016
Rosh Hashanah	9/17/2012	9/5/2013	9/25/2014	9/14/2015	9/16/2016
Yom Kippur	9/26/2012	9/14/2013	10/4/2014	9/23/2015	9/25/2016
(Note that Jewish holidays start at sundown the previous evening).					
Thanksgiving Day, U.S.	11/22/2012	11/28/2013	11/27/2014	11/26/2015	11/22/2016
Thanksgiving Day, Canada	10/8/2012	10/14/2013	10/13/2014	10/12/2015	10/8/2016
Christmas Day	12/25/2012	12/25/2013	12/25/2014	12/25/2015	12/25/2016

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