



PLANETARY SCIENCES SECTION NEWSLETTER #52 (November 2013)

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1) Letter from the Section President

The Fall Meeting is upon us, and the program looks fabulous. The field has never been more vibrant or more international in scope, and we can only hope that the powers that be grant U.S government workers the ability to present their science, which has already been paid for by the U.S. taxpayer, to their colleagues and to the world at large.

In the U.S., federal funding remains an issue. For planetary sciences in particular, there have been disproportionate cuts in the past year, which Congress has not been able to reverse (though they have tried). If these cuts are not reversed in the future, or worse, if they intensify or spread to other elements of NASA's science portfolio, the effects will be devastating, and difficult to repair. U.S. members should stand ready to make their views on these matters known to their representatives, when appropriate.

2) 2013 AGU Fall Meeting Schedule

We want to share a comprehensive list of the times and locations of all Planetary section oral and poster sessions, plus a selection of special events held during the AGU Fall Meeting. [Click here to view this three-page Planetary session and event schedule.](#)

3) 2013 Planetary Sciences Business Meeting/Reception

Please join your fellow AGU Planetary members at the annual Fall Meeting reception, held this year at the Paragon Restaurant & Bar (701 Second Street, at Townsend) on Tuesday, 10 December, 6:30p.m.–8:30p.m. This is a new venue for our section, as the previous one, Sellers Market, has closed. Fine food and beverages will be served. The cost is \$25 for regular members and \$15 for students. Please note that this reception was originally not listed on the AGU registration website. So, if you registered but did not sign up, please go back and reserve your spot. Section officers, past and present, will be there, so feel free to discuss with them any AGU matters of concerns (of course, feel free to contact us any time).

4) 2013 Planetary Science/Space Physics Career Night Mixer

Join notable planetary and space physics scientists at this mixer and find out about their careers in a variety of professional backgrounds (e.g., academics, industry, federal labs, etc.). Get a better understanding of what kinds of careers are available in planetary science and space physics, and how

to pursue them. This event will be held on Sunday, 8 December, 7:00p.m.–9:00p.m., at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Golden Gate C1. The event is free to all AGU registrants.

5) 2013 Student Breakfast

Students in the Planetary Section should note the [AGU Fall Meeting Student Breakfast](#) on Tuesday, 10 December, 6:45a.m.–7:45a.m., at San Francisco Marriott Marquis Salon 8. The event is open to all students who have registered for the meeting, so this is a great way to meet and network with fellow undergraduates and graduates across AGU's disciplines, as well as section and focus group leaders who will also be in attendance.

6) Sequestration and the Government Shutdown

Sequestration has put severe limitations on work and travel for many members of our section. We have received feedback from many of you regarding restrictions at your workplace resulting from the constrained fiscal environment, such as early forecasting deadlines and quotas on attendance. The partial U.S. government shutdown is a more recent event that, for the moment, is behind us. The implications of the work stoppage for many federal workers and contractors are still being assessed. Nevertheless, decline in research productivity and delays in proposal deadlines and panels have already occurred. The implications for attendance at the AGU Fall Meeting are unclear. The number of registrants is a record number, but how many will attend is uncertain. We will compile these statistics and distribute them after the meeting. In the meantime, feel free to contact us with any news and information that you think would be useful for AGU action or for reporting in a future newsletter.

7) Proposed changes to AGU bylaws

AGU members are invited to comment on proposed changes to AGU's bylaws. The updates reflect changes required by DC law and changes enacted by the AGU Board of Directors and Council during the transition in 2010–2012 to a new governance structure. Members can view and comment on the proposed changes on the [AGU website](#).

The comment period is open until 18 November. There are 3 documents posted online to help you respond: a 2-page summary for those who want a high-level summary; the proposed AGU bylaws color-coded to reflect the source of the change; and a redlined version of the current bylaws. AGU members have 3 options to respond to the proposed changes: (1) No comment – the proposed changes look OK to me; (2) abstain from commenting; and (3) submit comments.

All comments will be reviewed by the Bylaws Task Force composed of two Board and three Council members. The AGU Council will make the final decision about changing the bylaws during its meeting on 8 December 2013.

Questions can be directed to [Cheryl Enderlein](#).

8) 48th ESLAB Symposium: New insights into volcanism across the Solar System

We are pleased to invite you to the 48th ESLAB Symposium on “New insights into volcanism across the Solar System”. The Symposium will take place from 16–20 June 2014 at the European Space Research and Technology Centre (ESTEC) located in Noordwijk, The Netherlands.

It will focus on volcanism in the Solar System. Of particular interest, but not limited to, will be new insights obtained over the last years from international space missions to planets (e.g., MESSENGER, LRO, Selene, etc.), Moons and cryo-volcanism. The connection with Earth by will be covered by experts on terrestrial volcanism.

The format will be made up of plenary sessions on topics related to volcanism in the Solar System,

with contributed oral and poster presentations. Part of the Symposium may be devoted to parallel sessions on specialized topics where details can be discussed at greater length. This will depend on the response to the Call for Papers.

The second announcement with the call for abstracts and other detailed information is available on the [ESLAB Symposium website](#).

Pre-registration is already available on this website which will ensure that you receive regular updates from the Symposium organizers.

Financial support may be available for students.

Kind regards,

The LOC, 48th ESLAB

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9) Jobs on the Planetary Sciences Section Website

We are pleased to now include job advertisements on the [AGU Planetary Section Website](#). Please go to the [AGU Planetary Section Website](#) and click on Jobs in the Menu bar. If you are interested in posting a job ad, please contact [Nathan Bridges](#) and [Mark Hilverda](#).

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