
AGU Planetary Sciences Section NEWSLETTER #21

June 1, 2007

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1) Fall Meeting special session proposals - due June 13!

Proposals for special sessions for the Fall Meeting are due June 13. Here is an opportunity for anyone in the section to propose a topic that they believe would be of interest to a broad portion of our section membership, and hopefully to other section members as well. Jim Zimbelman (zimbelmanj@si.edu) and Juergen Oberst (juergen.oberst@dlr.de) are the section representatives on the Fall Program Committee. Information about the proposal submission process can be found at: <http://www.agu.org/meetings/fm07/program.html>

2) Fellow and Whipple nominations – due July 15!

Nominations for AGU Fellows are due July 15. Please consider nominating worthy members affiliated with our section. Carle Pieters (carle_pieters@brown.edu) oversees the Fellows nominations for the section. Also, the Whipple Award, the principal award for the section, has a nomination deadline similar to that for AGU Fellows. Information about the fellow nomination process can be found at: <http://www.agu.org/inside/fellguides.html>, and about the Whipple Award at: <http://www.agu.org/sections/planets/psaward.html>

3) Call for chapter proposals - Europa book

EUROPA: A proposed new volume in the University of Arizona Press Space Science Series.

The time is right for an edited book on Europa. After a decade of interpretation and modeling of the Galileo data, our understanding of Europa has reached a high level of maturity. We have the opportunity to bring forward within the University of Arizona Press Space Science Series a volume on Europa that describes: "What we know. How do we know it. Where do we go from here."

The purpose of this message, sent on behalf of the Editors and the currently forming Scientific Organizing Committee (SOC), is to invite you to volunteer to participate in the EUROPA project. You may volunteer to participate in the SOC, propose to write a chapter, or recommend chapters and topics for the book.

CALL FOR CHAPTER PROPOSALS. For details, see: <http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/europa>

To capitalize on our current state of knowledge, and to take advantage of an immediate available opening in the production schedule for the Space Science Series, we wish to bring this book together in a very timely fashion.

Responses must be received by June 1, 2007, with chapter selection by June 15, and chapters due no later than October 15, 2007.

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(Bob Pappalardo, Bill McKinnon, and Krishan Khurana)

4) An additional planetary newsletter

A new newsletter has been started through the efforts of several planetary scientists. The Planetary Exploration Newsletter (PEN) is a weekly electronic mailing that is intended to be an open conduit of news and announcements across the entire planetary science community (e.g., astronomers, planetary scientists, astrobiologists, geologists, atmospheric scientists and others doing planetary research). The desire is to cut across the boundaries of existing electronic newsletters to increase interdisciplinary awareness and distribute information of broad professional interest. [Note that this new newsletter is not directly affiliated with AGU, but it could be of interest to many of our section members.]

PEN will contain messages from NASA and other officials, meeting announcements from professional societies, job announcements, and your submissions of news regarding or impacting solar system exploration, upcoming mission events, awards, Congressional deliberations on the NASA budget, policy issues, and assessments of program performance. There will be times when volume or events will require more frequent PEN distributions.

An editorial board has been established that is open to representatives of professional societies, research organizations, and academic departments engaged in planetary science. This is to ensure the broadest possible participation, set policy and offer guidance to the editor, Mark Sykes (Planetary Science Institute, Tucson).

Go to <http://planetarynews.org> to subscribe to future mailings, and to read the current and past mailings.

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