
**AGU Planetary Sciences Section NEWSLETTER #48
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Dear Colleagues:

This newsletter is devoted to one topic: AGU and Planetary Sciences Section honors (other updates will come in our April newsletter). It's not too late! AGU pushed their deadlines back, and now the Union and PS Section deadlines are the same (end of March). So please consider nominating your deserving colleagues. At the Union level, honors include the Fellows program and numerous medals and awards. In the Planetary Sciences Section, we have the Ronald Greeley Early Career Award and the Whipple Award for Outstanding Contributions to Planetary Science. Read on for more information.

Sincerely,

Bill McKinnon, AGU Section President, Planetary Sciences

2013 DEADLINES FOR AGU HONORS

31 March 2013: Deadline for nominations for Union awards, medals, prizes and Fellows

31 March 2013: Deadline for the Ronald Greeley Early Career Award and the Fred Whipple Award for Outstanding Contributions (we shifted our deadlines by 2 more days so they would all be the same).

NEW CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

AGU has instituted a new conflict of interest policy for its honors program. Please note that this policy includes new guidelines for nominations of former graduate advisors, graduate advisees and postdocs. In addition, members of the selection committee for a given honor are neither able to nominate, support or be nominated for that honor.

For more information about this and other attributes of Union awards, medals, and prizes, see <http://sites.agu.org/honors/awards-medals-prizes/>.

AGU Fellows Program

Now is the time to make sure your colleagues receive the recognition they deserve by nominating them to be an AGU Fellow. Primary criteria for selecting AGU Fellows include:

- Major breakthrough or discovery
- Research that leads to a paradigm shift
- Sustained impact on a given field of research

Learn more about the AGU Fellows Program at <http://sites.agu.org/honors/fellows/>

Union Awards, Medals, and Prize

Nominations are being accepted for several of AGU's Union Awards, Medals, and Prize. Please take this opportunity to nominate a colleague for their outstanding work. Learn more about Union Awards, Medals, and Prize being presented in 2013 at <http://sites.agu.org/honors/awards-medals-prizes/> .

RONALD GREELEY EARLY CAREER AWARD

This award is presented annually to an individual in recognition of significant early career contributions to planetary science. Learn more about the Ronald Greeley Award at http://www.agu.org/honorsprogram/section_fg/planetary/ .

WHIPPLE AWARD

The Whipple Award was established to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of planetary science. Learn more about the Whipple Award at http://www.agu.org/honorsprogram/section_fg/planetary/ .