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1) 2014 Fall Meeting News

The 2014 AGU Fall Meeting has again broken the record for the number of submitted abstracts. The Program Committee met 8-10 September at AGU headquarters and the two Planetary Sciences representatives, Nathan Bridges and Joern Helbert, have organized a very exciting week for our section in San Francisco, with 40 topical sessions, including oral and posters, scheduled. Note, as mentioned in our last newsletter, the Whipple Award and Greeley Awards will be presented to Larry Soderblom and Catherine Neish, respectively, and the Shoemaker Lecture will be given by NASA Chief Scientist Ellen Stofan. We are pleased to now announce that Dawn Sumner of UC Davis will be delivering the Sagan Lecture, co-sponsored by the Planetary Sciences and Biogeosciences Section. The final dates and times of all sessions will be announced soon.

2) 2014 Fall Planetary Sciences Reception and Business Meeting

The Culinary and Party Division of the Planetary Sciences Section has scheduled our 2014 Fall Reception at the Paragon Restaurant (701 2nd St.) in San Francisco at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 16 December. This is the same venue as last year, which was a great success. Please be sure to sign up for the reception when you register for the Fall Meeting. This should be fun and a great opportunity to mix with your colleagues and meet the AGU Planetary Sciences Executive Committee.

3) Student Activities

Student activities within the Planetary Sciences Section remain strong under the stewardship of our Graduate Student Representative, Sona Hosseini. Through her efforts, AGU has released a [student survey](#), the results of which are being used to plan the 2014 Fall Meeting and future meetings to best meet student needs. Sona will be staying in her position through the end of the year, after which Alex Morgan of the University of Virginia will take the reins. Let us congratulate Sona for her two years of excellent service and Alex for taking over this important position.

There are many exciting student activities scheduled at the Fall Meeting, including the Student & Early Career Scientist Conference and Student Mixer on Sunday, 14 December. For details on events, roommate boards, and other items, please visit the [Fall Meeting Students webpage](#).

4) New *JGR-Planets* Editor in Chief

Steve Hauck has been selected to become the next Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Geophysical Research-Planets*, taking over from Mark Weiczorek, who has served since 2010. We congratulate Steve for taking on this important task and Mark for his many years of service. Continuing as Editor will be David Baratoux and joining as Editor will be Sabine Stanley. Congratulations and thanks to

David and Sabine as well.

Keep abreast of the latest AGU Planetary Sciences updates at the following websites:

<http://planets.agu.org/> (for job advertisements, 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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