



Planetary Sciences

April 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Deadlines, Events & Meetings

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Deadlines

- April 14: [Section & Focus Group Awards](#) nomination site closes. [More Info](#)»
- April 19 (11:59 PM EDT): Deadline for 2017 [Fall Meeting Session Proposals](#)

Events

- April 18: AGU Finance and Investment Committee Meeting
- April 19-20: AGU Board Meeting

Meetings

- April 23-28: [European Geosciences Union General Assembly \(EGU\)](#), Vienna, Austria
- April 24-28: [Astrobiology Science Conference \(AbSciCon\)](#), Mesa, AZ
- May 16-19: [5th International Planetary Dunes Workshop](#), St. George, UT
- May 20-25: [Japan Geoscience Union-American Geophysical Union \(JpGU-AGU\) Joint Meeting](#), Chiba City, Japan
- [JpGU-AGU Meeting Student Travel Grant](#) - \$1000 for students presenting at the JpGU-AGU Meeting and traveling from outside Japan.
- [JpGU-AGU Meeting Berkner Travel Fellowship](#) – Funds all travel-related expenses for students and early career scientists from low income and lower-middle income countries to present at the JpGU-AGU Meeting.
- June 12-15: [3rd Planetary Data Workshop](#), Flagstaff, AZ
- June 13-15: [Dust in the Atmosphere of Mars and its Impact on Human Exploration](#), Houston, TX

- June 13-15: [Small Bodies Assessment Group \(SBAG\) Meeting](#), Greenbelt, MD
- June 18-23: [Gordon Research Conference on the Origins of Solar Systems](#), South Hadley, MA
- July 3-5: [1st IUGG Symposium on Planetary Science](#), Berlin, Germany
- July 23-28: [80th Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society](#), Santa Fe, NM
- August 15-17: [12th Low-Cost Planetary Missions Conference](#), Pasadena, CA

Executive Announcements

- **International Collaboration Amid Policy Challenges**

A recent [From the Prow](#) posting on the topic of international collaboration, meeting attendance and travel concerns in light of recent changes to US immigration and visa policies.

- **Editors Needed for AGU Journals**

AGU is looking for three dynamic, well-organized scientists with high editorial standards and strong leadership skills to serve a 4-year term as the editor in chief (EIC) for *Geochemistry*, *Geophysics*, *Geosystems*; *Global Biogeochemical Cycles*; or *Reviews of Geophysics*. The EIC is the principal architect of the scientific content of the journal, an active scientist, well-known and well-regarded in his/her discipline and must be active in soliciting the best science from the best scientists to be published in the journal. Working with the other editors and AGU staff, the EIC is the arbiter of the content of the journal. Among other functions, the EIC is responsible for:

- Acting as an ambassador to the author/editor/reviewer/scientist community
- Setting journal strategy
- Lead the editor selection process
- Assign and balance review work load
- Decisions of ethics.
- Review and contribute to periodic monitoring reports

Candidates or those interested in nominating a highly qualified colleague should send their CV or letter of recommendation, respectively, to pubmatters@agu.org with the specified journal name in the subject line.

- **Volunteer Judges for Virtual Poster Showcase**

We need scientists and faculty to judge undergraduate and graduate student posters and their accompanying video presentations in the [Virtual Poster Showcase](#). The showcases enable students to practice preparing a poster and then presenting it online. We are looking for three good judges from each Section/Focus Group. The total time commitment would be only about 2 hours. If you have any questions, please send them to [Pranoti Asher](#).

- **March for Science**

April 22nd, Earth Day, will be the [March for Science](#) on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., as well as at over 400 satellite sites across the globe. The AGU is encouraging you to get involved, and has provided a [list of tools and resources](#) for those planning to participate in one of the marches.

Planetary Science Notices

- **Calling Amateur Astronomers**

Do you watch the skies? NASA is conducting a survey on telescope usage and astronomical viewing habits. [Fill out the survey](#).