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**SPACE SCIENCE WEEK**  
**SPRING 2016 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASTROBIOLOGY AND PLANETARY SCIENCE**  
March 29-31, 2016  
NAS Building—2101 Constitution Ave NW—Washington D.C.

**FINAL AGENDA**

Tuesday March 29, 2016

**MORNING PARALLEL BREAK-OUT SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON ASTROBIOLOGY AND PLANETARY SCIENCE—Lecture Room**

**7:30 AM**      *Registration opens and breakfast is available in the Great Hall*

**OPEN SESSION**

**8:30 AM**      **Welcome and Introductions**      Philip Christensen and Chris House

**8:45 AM**      **Planetary Science Division Update**      James Green  
NASA/SMD/PSD

**9:45 AM**      *Break available outside room*

**10:00 AM**      **Mars Exploration Program Update**      James Watzin  
NASA/SMD/PSD

**11:00 AM**      **Thinking Out of the Box on Habitability**      Penny Boston  
New Mexico Tech

**12:00 PM**      *Lunch available in the Great Hall*

**PLENARY SESSION—Auditorium**

**1:00 PM**      **Welcome and Overview of Current SSB Activities**      David Spergel, SSB Chair  
Jim Lancaster, BPA Director  
Michael Moloney, SSB Director

**1:30 PM**      **NASA-SMD Budget, Program, and Priorities**      John Grunsfeld, NASA  
*Presentation 15 mins / Q&A 15 mins*

**Focus Session on International Programs and Cooperation**

**2:00 PM**      **ESA Science Program**      Alvaro Gimenez, ESA  
**ESA Earth Observation Program**      Maurice Borgeaud, ESA  
**CAS-NSSC Science Program**      Chi Wang, CAS  
**JAXA Science Program**      Saku Tsuneta, JAXA  
**DLR Science Program**      Pascale Ehrenfreund, DLR

- 3:15 PM**      **Discussion Panel on International Collaboration (Moderated by David Spergel, SSB Chair)**  
**Panel Members: Maurice Borgeaud, Pascale Ehrenfreund, Alvaro Gimenez,**  
**John Grunsfeld, Saku Tsuneta, Chi Wang**
- 4:00 PM**      *Break Available in the Great Hall*
- 4:20 PM**      **Briefing on SSB study on NASA Science Mission Extensions**      **Vicky Hamilton, Cmmttee Co-Chair**
- 4:50 PM**      **Perspectives from Congressional Staff**
- 5:20 PM**      **Space Launch System for Science Presentation**      **Angela Jackman, NASA MSFC**
- 5:50 PM**      **Closing Comments**
- 5:55 PM**      *Public Meeting Adjourns*
- 6:00 PM**      *Reception by invitation in the West Court*
- 7:00 PM**      *Dinner by Invitation in the Great Hall*

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**Wednesday March 30, 2016**

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**COMMITTEE ON ASTROBIOLOGY AND PLANETARY SCIENCE (CAPS)—Lecture Room**

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- 7:30 AM**      *Registration opens and breakfast is available in the Great Hall*
- OPEN SESSION**
- 8:30 AM**      **Welcome and Announcements**      **Chris House**
- 8:45 AM**      **European Planetary Science Missions: Updates and New Initiatives**      **Athena Coustenis**  
**Paris Observatory**
- 9:45 AM**      *Break available outside room*
- 10:00 AM**      **A Strategy for Origins of Life Research**      **Caleb Scharf**  
**Columbia University**
- 11:00 AM**      **Europa Mission Update**      **Robert Pappalardo (via WebEx) and Barry Goldstein**  
**Jet Propulsion Laboratory**
- 12:00 PM**      **General Discussion**  
*Lunch available in the Great Hall*
- 1:00 PM**      **The Exploration of the Pluto System by New Horizons**      **Alan Stern**  
**Southwest Research Institute**
- 2:00 PM**      **European AstRoMap Astrobiology Roadmap**      **Gerda Hornek**  
**German Aerospace Center, Retired**
- 3:00 PM**      *Break available outside room*

**3:15 PM – 5:30 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**5:30 PM**      *Buffet dinner by invitation in the West Court*

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**PLENARY SESSION—Auditorium**

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**6:45 PM**      **Plenary Public Talk—*Mission to Pluto: Exploring the Frontier of Our Solar System***  
Alan Stern, Southwest Research Institute

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**Thursday March 31, 2016**

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**COMMITTEE ON ASTROBIOLOGY AND PLANETARY SCIENCE—Lecture Room**

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**7:30 AM**      *Registration opens and breakfast is available in the Great Hall*

**OPEN SESSION**

**8:30 AM**      **The Case for Enceladus**      Carolyn Porco  
Space Science Institute

**9:30 AM**      **Dawn at Ceres**      Christopher Russell  
University of California, Los Angeles

**10:30 AM**      *Break available outside room*

**10:45 AM**      **Astrobiology Program Update**      Mary Voytek  
NASA/SMD

**11:45 AM**      **Final words**      Chris House and Philip Christensen

**12:00 PM**      **Meeting Adjourns** (*lunch tickets available*)

## GENERAL NOTES

**Pre-registration:** All participants, including committee members, invited speakers and other attendees, are strongly encouraged to preregister at <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/cbcd3c2fde7f>.

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- GW Elliot School Garage is located near the Department of Interior at 508 19th Street, NW. The daily rate is \$17.00.

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### **TUESDAY MARCH 29 OPEN SESSION 8:30AM to 12:00 PM**

Meeting Name: SSW CAPS Day 1 Open

Meeting Password: spaceweek (case sensitive)

Conference Code: 261 122 5317

### **TUESDAY MARCH 29 PLENARY SESSION 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Meeting Name: SSW Plenary Session

Meeting Password: spaceweek (case sensitive)

Conference Code: 255 641 6641

### **WEDNESDAY MARCH 30 OPEN SESSION 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Meeting Name: SSW CAPS Day 2 Open

Meeting Password: spaceweek (case sensitive)

Conference Code: 261 122 5317

### **WEDNESDAY MARCH 30 PUBLIC LECUTRE 6:45 PM**

<https://livestream.com/accounts/7036396/SSWLecture2016>

### **THURSDAY MARCH 31 OPEN SESSION 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

Meeting Name: SSW CAPS Day 3 Open

Meeting Password: spaceweek (case sensitive)

Conference Code: 261 122 5317

Please join us for a public lecture

**MISSION TO PLUTO:**  
EXPLORING THE FRONTIER OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM  
*The 2016 Space Science Week Public Lecture*

**FEATURING ALAN STERN**  
*Principal Investigator of  
the New Horizons Mission*

MARCH 30, 2016 AT 6:45PM

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After nearly a decade of traveling to the outer reaches of the solar system, the New Horizons spacecraft provided the first glimpses of Pluto and its five moons, revealing an astonishing new world of vast, frozen planes and icy mountains. Discover Pluto for yourself along with New Horizons' Principal Investigator Alan Stern during a FREE public lecture to celebrate Space Science Week 2016.

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