

# NOW Steering Committee Meeting (March 23th): Agenda

- 1st Quarterly Lecture Series (135 attendees on Webex)
  - Episode 1: Introduction to Cryospheres: The Ocean Worlds and Earth
  - o "Earth's Cryosphere: Water, Ice, Life" by Jill Mikucki, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
  - "Ocean Worlds: Water, Ice, Life?" by Cynthia Phillips, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EUX0yXHQkE

Thank you to the NOW lecture series sub-committee and the presenters!

### **Upcoming NOW Events**

- Decadal Survey and white paper plans
  - OPAG <u>https://www.lpi.usra.edu/decadal/opag/</u>
  - o LPI https://www.lpi.usra.edu/decadal\_whitepaper\_proposals/
  - "Umbrella" white paper to advocate for a coherent OW program (authored by ROW cochairs & NOW Co-leads with input from NOW StComm)
- NOW Website and Communication sub-committee: need additional StComm volunteers
- April 20th: NOW StComm monthly business meeting: Decadal Planning
- June 15<sup>th</sup> NOW Quarterly Lecture Series, Episode 2: Life on the seafloors and in the oceans

# Meetings, Workshops and Activities

- NASA Coronavirus Response Information: Nasapeople.nasa.gov/coronavirus
- April 14-16 Titan through Time Workshop POSTPONED: https://titanthroughtime.org
- April 28-30 In Situ Science & Instrumentation for Europa POSTPONED: <u>https://www.europa-insitu.caltech.edu/</u>
- May 24-28 JpGU NOW VIRTUAL: <u>http://www.jpgu.org/meeting\_e2020/</u>
- June 28-July 4 AOGS CANCELLED: <u>http://www.asiaoceania.org/society/index.asp</u>
- Aug 15-22 COSPAR 2020 POSTPONED: https://www.cospar2020.org/
- September 1-2 OPAG: Seattle area [TBC] <u>https://www.lpi.usra.edu/opag/announcements/</u>
- Sept 27-Oct 2 Europlanet Science Congress 2020 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS SUSPENDED: https://www.epsc2020.eu/
- Sept 8-9 Ocean Worlds 5 Meeting at WHOI (Woods Hole, MA) CALL FOR ABSTRACTS SUSPENDED: https://astrobiology.nasa.gov/events/ocean-worlds-5/

### **Science Highlights and Recent Publications**

- Update from The Committee on Astrobiology and Planetary Science (CAPS)
  - Key topic of discussion: OW retention within New Frontiers 5 announcement.
  - Day 1, Amanda Hendrix (PSI): new work since NF4 specific focus on Enceladus.
  - Day 2, Curt Niebur (NASA HQ): overview of current NASA research related to OW.

### **Career Opportunities**

• Please provide additional information

### **Proposal Calls**

- NASA Exobiology, Solicitation: NNH20ZDA001N-EXO (NOI: April 22, Proposals: May 22)
- NASA MATISSE, Solicitation: NNH20ZDA001N-MATISSE (Step1: April 17, Step2: June 19)
- NASA XRP, Solicitation: NNH20ZDA001N-XRP (Step1: March 20, NOIs: Mar 27, Step2: May 29)
- NASA Cassini Data Analysis: NNH20ZDA001N-CDAP (Step1: May 7, Step2: July 9)
- NASA Planetary Data Archiving, Restoration, and Tools: NNH20ZDA001N-PDART (Step 1: May 15, Step 2: July 10)

# **Education and Outreach**

 CANCELLED 2020 International Summer School in Astrobiology https://astrobiology.nasa.gov/events/2020-international-summer-school-in-astrobiology-s/