

# Exoplanet Exploration Program Analysis Group (ExoPAG) Update

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- Next Meeting: ExoPAG-6, 13-14 October 2012, Reno, NV
  - *Held in conjunction with the 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AAS Division for Planetary Sciences*
  - *Venue chosen to facilitate participation from a different segment of the exoplanet community*
  - *Agenda (in preparation) to emphasize near-term opportunities/challenges in exoplanetary science*
  - *Information and registration: <http://exep.jpl.nasa.gov/exopag/exopag6/>*
- Ongoing Activities – Science Analysis Groups (SAGs)
  - **1. Debris Disks and Exozodiacal Dust** – *Work completed; report accepted for publication in PASP.*
  - **2. Potential for Exoplanet Science Measurements from Solar System Probes** – *Work completed.*
  - **3. Exoplanetary System Architecture and Dynamical Stability** – *Inactive; activities suspended.*
  - **4. Measurements Needed for Exoplanetary Characterization** – *Work completed; report in preparation; est. closure ExoPAG-7 (Jan. 2013)*
  - **5. Exoplanet Flagship Requirements and Characteristics** – *Work completed; report in preparation; est. closure ExoPAG-7 (Jan. 2013)*
  - **8. State of Precision RV Measurements for and Exoplanetary Census** – *Inactive; plan to renew activities with new ExoPAG EC leadership after ExoPAG-6.*

- After ExoPAG-5 in Jan. 2012, 5 members of the ExoPAG Executive Committee (EC) reached the end of their appointments, including the Chair, Jim Kasting.
  - *Dave Bennett (Notre Dame)*
  - *Daniel Coulter (JPL)*
  - *Brad Hansen (UCLA)*
  - **Jim Kasting (Penn State) — Chair** (*will serve one year as ex officio member of EC; see below*)
  - *Bruce Macintosh (LLNL)*
- Replacement of the Chair was subject to the process of appointing ApS members.
- Candidates for the remaining positions on the ExoPAG EC were solicited through an open “Dear Colleague” letter issued Jan. 3, 2012.
  - *24 nominees evaluated by Exoplanet Exploration Program Scientist (Hudgins), Program Executive (LaPiana), outgoing ExoPAG Chair (Kasting), and incoming ExoPAG Chair (Gaudi).*
  - *4 candidates recommended to Astrophysics Division Director.*
  - *Appointments announced mid-March.*
- New members of the ExoPAG Executive Committee:
  - **Scott Gaudi (Ohio State) — Chair**
  - *Dave Latham (Harvard-Smithsonian CfA)*
  - *Peter Plavchan (Caltech/NexSci)*
  - *Remi Soummer (Space Telescope Sci. Inst.)*
  - *Jonathan Fortney (U. California, Santa Cruz)*
- It was also decided that the outgoing ExoPAG Chair would remain on the ExoPAG EC in an *ex officio* capacity for an additional year to facilitate a smooth transition.