

DISCOVERY OF APOPHIS AND SUBSEQUENT IMPACT ON NASA'S PLANETARY DEFENSE PROGRAM. L.N. Johnson¹ and K. E. Fast¹, ¹Planetary Defense Coordination Office, Planetary Science Division, Mary W. Jackson NASA Headquarters Building, 300 Hidden Figures Way SW, Washington D.C. 20546, lindley.johnson@nasa.gov .

Introduction: A short talk to lead off the workshop to present the events on the days surrounding the discovery of Apophis back in December 2004, what and how we learned more about it at that time, and how that has had influence on the development of the Planetary Defense Program at NASA ever since.