



# LUNAR AND PLANETARY SCIENCE CONFERENCE

## A Welcome Message from the LPSC Conference Co-Chairs

**[Lisa Gaddis]** Hello and welcome to the 53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, jointly sponsored by the Lunar and Planetary Institute and NASA's Johnson Space Center.

I'm Lisa Gaddis, the LPI Director and conference co-chair. As we approach our first-ever hybrid LPSC, we want to let you know that we appreciate the time you've spent with us as we change formats and work to improve your conference experience for in-person and virtual attendees.

We and other conference organizers have worked hard to plan an exciting and eventful meeting for you. We also note that our organizers, session chairs and moderators are committed to ensuring a safe, inclusive and harassment-free experience for all attendees as they gather, network, and collaborate at LPSC 53.

The 5-day conference will have morning and afternoon sessions with an integrated program supporting both in-person and virtual attendance. This hybrid format supports broad international participation and inclusion of those who prefer not to or cannot travel. Special sessions will feature live presentations from distinguished scientists on the latest mission results from around the world, the Masursky Lecture by our friend and colleague, Dr. Martha Gilmore, and programmatic updates from NASA Headquarters. The program includes live talks during oral sessions with panel Q&A every hour. Printed poster sessions will be hosted during three evening events, and interactive or iPosters, will be accessible virtually throughout the week, allowing for greater participation and offering opportunities for participants and presenters to interact and share science on their own schedule.

One final note—during the meeting you'll see pointers to a participant survey. Please consider taking time to take this, and let us know what did and did not work for you. Your input is vital as we work to improve your meeting experience.

We look forward to seeing you at the 53rd LPSC!

**[Eileen Stansbery]** Hi, I'm Eileen Stansbery, Chief Scientist at NASA Johnson Space Center and the other conference co-chair. I would also like to welcome you to the 53rd LPSC.

Through the dedication of the meeting organizers and Program Committee, we look forward to sharing with you a meeting that upholds LPSC as an important means of highlighting recent research results and news in planetary science. We're presenting an integrated program that

supports a safe, inclusive meeting for all attendees. Virtual attendees can watch talks live and on-demand, ask questions and present remotely during live sessions, view posters in an online gallery and converse using a virtual Q&A format and Slack. For the first time, we also offer a full session of presentations and conversation on “Advancing Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility in the Planetary Workforce.”

We especially want to thank you for your contributions to making the 53rd LPSC a success. We have been delighted by the enthusiasm for gathering expressed by the community, the large number of abstracts submitted, and the continued support for highlighting planetary science results at LPSC.

We’re looking forward to an exciting meeting and to seeing you at LPSC 53!