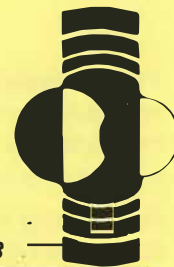


First Announcement**17th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference**

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The 17th Annual Lunar and Planetary Science Conference will be held March 17-21, 1986 at the NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas. We are pleased to invite your participation in this conference and to inform you of our initial plans.

The Lunar and Planetary Science Conference is recognized as the leading international conference for the presentation of new results in planetary science, bringing together a group of specialists in petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, geology and astronomy. Scientists in all lunar and planetary programs are invited to submit abstracts and to participate in the conference.

Program: There will be no more than three concurrent sessions. Nine half-days will be devoted to presentations of research papers in topical symposia and in problem-oriented sessions. A strict eight-minute limit will be placed on each oral presentation; an additional seven minutes per speaker will be allowed for discussion and for transition from one speaker to the next. Sessions of broad interest, including international sessions on Venus and Mars, are planned. We solicit your ideas and suggestions for plenary or theme sessions.

Special Sessions: Some evenings will be set aside for special sessions. Several rooms will be available. These sessions may be impromptu or may be devised and structured by members of the Lunar and Planetary Science community as desired. These sessions will not be considered part of the formal program. Please keep us informed as plans for such sessions develop, so that we may announce the opportunities to attendees.

A special session entitled "Martian Geomorphology and its Relation to Subsurface Volatiles" will be held as part of this year's Conference. The session is being organized as part of the NASA-sponsored LPI study project called MECA (Mars: The Evolution of its Climate and Atmosphere). Further details will appear in the second announcement or can be obtained by calling the session organizers: Stephen Clifford (713-486-2146) and Lisa Rossbacher (714-598-4809).

Abstracts: Abstracts are to be short papers that can be cited in the literature. Abstracts will be limited to two pages; however, authors are encouraged to photo-reduce copy in order to include as much information as possible. Photographs must be submitted as screened prints (or "half-tones"), NOT glossy prints. Please be aware that (1) abstract forms will be sent only to those who complete and return the enclosed "indication of interest" form, (2) a late fee will be levied in an attempt to discourage late abstracts, and (3) an absolute deadline will be imposed, after which abstracts received may be considered for conference presentation but will not be included in the abstract volume.

Presentations: To ensure that as many important new results can be presented as possible, it will be necessary to invite some investigators to give only one oral presentation. The program committee will make exceptions to this rule as needed to round out the program. In submitting more than one abstract, contributions should be ranked according to preference for oral presentation. Requests to present papers which are not supported by informative abstracts will be denied.

Poster Sessions: Poster sessions which are becoming an increasingly popular element of the conference will again be available as an alternative to oral presentations. Requests for display space must be supported by informative abstracts. The program committee will employ the same criteria to govern allocation of space in poster sessions as for oral presentations.

Conference Fee: A minimal fee will be assessed each participant to cover various conference services. Information regarding fees and pre-registration will be included in the second announcement.

Contact: Please contact the LPI Projects Office for further information about the conference program and logistics (713-486-2150), or the LPI Publications Office concerning publication of the abstracts and Proceedings (713-486-2143).

Schedule:

- November 10, 1985 Abstract forms mailed to respondents
- January 10, 1986 Deadline for submission of abstracts
- March 17-21, 1986 Seventeenth Lunar and Planetary Science Conference
- May 1, 1986 Projected deadline for submission of papers to the Seventeenth Proceedings

Hotel Information: Conference participants are responsible for making all hotel and travel reservations. It is recommended that you make your reservations now. Hotels in the local area and their projected rates for March 1986 are listed below. Hotels are listed in the order of distance from NASA/JSC and LPI (the hotel the farthest distance away is listed first). All rates shown are subject to a 10% tax.

	Lowest Single Rate	Other Rates
SUPER 8 MOTEL 889 West Bay Area Blv. Webster, Texas 77598 713-338-1526	34.88	30.88* (Corporate)
THE COMFORT INN 1001 NASA Road 1 Webster, Texas 77598 713-332-4581	\$30.00	\$35.00 (Twin)
HOLIDAY INN OF HOUSTON—NASA 1300 NASA Road 1 Houston, Texas 77058 713-333-2500	\$55.75	\$61.75 (Twin)
NASSAU BAY RESORT MOTOR INN 1600 NASA Road 1 Houston, Texas 77058 713-333-3000	\$25.00 (Tower section) \$35.00 (Motel section)	\$40.00
SHERATON KINGS INN 1301 NASA Road 1 Houston, Texas 77058 713-488-0220	\$56.00*	
QUALITY INN 2020 NASA Road 1 Houston, Texas 77058 713-332-3551	\$30.00	\$35.00 (Twin)
THE NASSAU BAY HILTON 3000 NASA Road 1 Houston, TX 77058 713-333-9300	\$76.00*	

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