

International Planetary Data Alliance

Information Note 4

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This information note of the International Planetary Data Alliance presents a review of the activities and on-going IPDA projects for everyone interested in these activities. All readers are encouraged to further circulate this note among colleagues.

The IPDA WWW page is accessible at <http://planetarydata.org>. The site offers both a public view with the most basic information and officially released documents, and a working platform for members of an IPDA project.

Third Steering Committee meeting

The third Steering Committee meeting will be held on July 11-12, immediately before the Cospar General Assembly, at the Delta Centre Ville Hotel, Montreal, Canada.

Status of the projects approved during the last Steering Committee meeting (July 2007)

- The project **IPDA Requirements** (overall IPDA requirement document), lead by Dan Crichton, has been successfully closed.
- The project **Data Dictionary Modeling** (model for the IPDA data dictionary), lead by Steve Hughes, is close to the end.
- The project **Cospar**, lead by Reta Beebe, is organizing the IPDA presentation session at Cospar general assembly in Montreal (July 2008). It also prepared and circulated a resolution that will be presented at the commission B business meeting, during the Cospar general assembly.
- The remaining projects (**Small-Bodies Interoperability Demonstrator**, lead by Iku Shinohara; **Standard Data Model, Assessment of Draft**, lead by Peter Allan; **PDAP, Assessment of Draft Protocol**, lead by Yukio Yamamoto; **Interoperability: Query Model**, lead by Iku Shinohara;

Venus Express Interoperability, lead by Nancy Chanover) are at different status of completion.

IPDA Presentations

- IVOA Interoperability Meeting, Trieste, Italy, May 19, 2008
Oral presentation: "The International Planetary Data Alliance: an overview", by Maria Teresa Capria
- Third European Planetary Science Congress, Münster, Germany, September 22-26, 2008

IPDA and its data model will be presented at the session "Planetary VO, tools and science"

Planned Public Meetings

July 13-20, 2008, 37th COSPAR Scientific Assembly, Montreal, Canada

"Presentation of the International Planetary Data Alliance – An integrated approach to data access"

An entire session devoted to IPDA, held on July 13-14.

Please forward this information note to your colleagues. In case of further questions, please email to the Steering Committee of the IPDA (ipda-sc@planetarydata.org) or to the IPDA chair (mariateresa.capria@iasf-roma.inaf.it)