



**Middle Atlantic Planetary Society Conference
Wednesday - Saturday September 10-13, 2014
At the Maryland Science Center's Davis Planetarium
Baltimore, Maryland**

"Renew, Refresh, Revive!"

Dear Conference Attendee,

On behalf of the Executive Board and Conference Planning Committee, I am pleased to invite you to the next conference of the Middle Atlantic Planetary Society (MAPS) in Baltimore, Maryland.

Join us at the Maryland Science Center (MSC) at Baltimore's Inner Harbor from Wednesday evening, September 10 through Saturday afternoon, September 13, 2014.

Conference Hosts at MSC's Davis Planetarium are working hard with the Conference Planning Committee to organize a conference designed to "Renew, Refresh and Revive" your enthusiasm and perspective toward providing engaging and inspiring astronomy education.

The preliminary schedule already includes a great line-up of workshops and speakers with expert knowledge of current and coming events, missions, technology and more. You are encouraged to submit your Proposal to Present and help round out a dynamic meeting.

New this year is a full day on Saturday, September 13 with timely themes in the mix. As New Horizons enters its last year of travel to Pluto, mission scientists and educators are gearing up for "The Year of Pluto". We'll gear up with them to get on board and get ready for new information and images from the dark frigid fringes of the solar system!

MAVEN launched to Mars in November 2013 and is due to begin orbiting Mars soon after the MAPS conference this year. Designed to explore the atmosphere of Mars, MAVEN is on track to generate a new perspective of the Red Planet's atmosphere and climate history.

With a refreshing agenda coming our way, convenience was key in putting this conference together. The Davis Planetarium Theater, Exhibit Hall and meeting spaces are all under one roof at MSC - so, it stands that having a conference hotel directly across the street would complete the concept of convenience. The Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Hotel is the nearest Hotel to MSC and an easy walk across the street.

We look forward to having you join us in Baltimore!

Sincerely,

Wendy Ackerman
Maryland Science Center's Davis Planetarium
MAPS 2014 Conference Host