



MetSoc 2015 NewsLetter (April 14, 2015) (Second Circular)

Please see [MetSoc2015 website](#) that is being updated frequently.

To receive reminders and other pertinent information related to the MetSoc2015, please submit the [Indication of Interest form](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Open Now: Accept [Abstract submission](#)

Open Now: Accept [Registration](#)

Open Now: Reservation for [Major League Baseball Game](#)

Open Now: Reservation for [Napa Wineries Tour](#)

May 14 (Thursday): Abstract deadline

June 29 (Monday): Early-registration deadline

July 13 (Monday): Late-registration deadline

July 27-31: MetSoc Annual Meeting

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Authors are invited to submit oral and/or poster contributions on any aspect of meteoritics and planetary science. Abstracts should be submitted using the instructions on Abstract [submission site](#). Only one abstract per first author will be considered for oral presentation and one abstract per first author will be considered for poster presentation with the exception of Special sessions. The deadline for abstracts is **May 14, 2015**, 5:00 p.m. U.S. Central Daylight Time (GMT -5).

Contributors are requested to indicate which of the [scientific topics](#) most closely describes their work.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

A limited number of student grants and presentation awards will be available to attend the meeting. Graduate and undergraduate students are eligible to apply. In addition, Meteoritical

Society Travel Awards for Post-Doctoral and Graduate student members will be available. Applicants must be the sole or senior author, and must be the presenter. The awards are competitive and based on the merit of the abstract. The purpose of the grants is to encourage those with limited sources of funding to attend the meeting. Grant applicants will be notified of the decision after the program is finalized (June 15).

Student Travel Grants: Generous travel support (\$18,000) is provided from the Barringer Crater Company for graduate and undergraduate students from any country. Applicant must be a member of The Meteoritical Society*. NASA travel grants (tentative) are for students from US institutions.

2015 Brian Mason Award: (\$1000) sponsored by *Meteorite Times* Magazine and the International Meteorite Collectors Association (IMCA). If selected for this award, the student must submit a ~2500-word popular article based on their own research for publication in *Meteorite Times* by October 1, 2015, and an essay for IMCA's newsletter, *Insights*. Applicant must be a member of The Meteoritical Society*.

Planetary Studies Foundation Awards: (2 students for \$1,000 each). Applicant must be a US citizen. Applicant must be a member of The Meteoritical Society*.

Presentation Awards: Gordon A. McKay Award (\$1000) for best oral presentation and four Wiley Awards (\$500 each) for outstanding presentations by students. Applicant must be a student at the time of the meeting and submit an abstract for oral presentation. Applicant must be a member of The Meteoritical Society*.

Meteoritical Society Travel Awards for Post-Doctoral and Graduate Student Members*: A limited number of awards funded by the Meteoritical Society will be available for Post-doctoral researchers (within 2 years after receiving PhD or equivalent degree) or graduate students. Total \$4,000 for travel by international Members with limited financial resources (low-income countries) is available. In addition \$6,000 will be awarded to competitive Post-doctoral researchers or graduate students from any country. Grant applicants will be notified of the decision of the Local Organizing Committee after the program is finalized (June 15). Applicant must be a member of The Meteoritical Society*.

Above application for grants and awards must be submitted on the [abstract submission site](#).

In addition to above grants and awards, we are pleased to announce new student grants. These grants have special restrictions and selection criteria. Qualifying students must submit their request from this MetSoc2015 website (**NOT from abstract submission site**).

National Institute for Polar Research (NIPR) and Japan Polar Research Association (JPRA) Awards: Travel awards will be available from NIPR and JPRA for Japanese students. Applicants must be a member of The Meteoritical Society*, must be the sole or senior author, and must be the presenter. Application will be reviewed by NIPR and JPRA and must be submitted to [Prof. Kojima](#). Students who want to apply for this award must submit a copy of abstract and

a forwarded copy of the e-mail confirmation for the submitted abstract. An application must be submitted by May 14 (same as the abstract deadline). NIPR and JPRA will make the selections and we expect to notify students by June 15. Up to four students are expected to receive an award.

NASA’s Mars Program Office Awards: NASA’s Mars Program Office has announced that travel funding awards are available for up to three (3) undergraduate and graduate students. Students who are U.S. citizens or legal residents are eligible for this program. The student travel grants are competitive and will reimburse travel and registration expenses. Applications are due **May 14** (same as the abstract deadline). NASA Headquarters will make the selections and students will be notified in June. [Information and the application](#). Questions about this program should be directed to [Dr. Serina Diniega](#).

Student Travel Grants (tentative): Other student travel grants are being proposed for Japanese students. If you are interested please contact to [Kuni Nishiizumi](#).

Important Note:

Students can apply for all applicable grants and awards but will receive only one travel award.

**If you are not a student member of the Meteoritical Society, you can become a [member](#) before the submission of your abstract. Annual student membership is \$40.*

REGISTRATION

Before go to [registration site](#), please read following information and MetSoc2015 website.

MEETING REGISTRATION FEES

	MetSoc Members	MetSoc Non-members*	Student members	Student Non-members*	Guests
Early registration (by June 29)	\$550	\$630	\$330	\$370	\$220
Late registration (by Jul 13)	\$600	\$680	\$380	\$420	\$270
On site registration (after July 13)	\$650	\$730	\$430	\$470	\$320

For participants and guests (accompanying persons), registration fees include conference materials, coffee breaks, welcome party, poster session, farewell party, Wednesday afternoon activities (except baseball tickets), and banquet dinner.

*The organizer strongly recommends “[Become a Member](#)” instead of registration as Non-member. Annual membership is \$80 and student membership is \$40.

Early Registration deadline: June 29, 2015

Late registration deadline: July 13, 2015

On site registration: We accept only check or cash. NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED ONSITE.

Banquet: Please indicate your preferred banquet entrée (fish, beef, or vegetarian) on the [Registration form](#).

Wednesday afternoon activities: Please select only **ONE** from (1) Mini-Lab Tour, (2) San Francisco City Tour, (3) MetSoc Soccer Game on the [Registration form](#) or (4) Major League Baseball game on [MetSoc2015 website](#) (or spend afternoon by your own plan).

Remember: Each person can attend only **ONE** [Wednesday afternoon event](#) (or spend afternoon by your own plan). **One** 1-day Visitor Passport (unlimited ride on Muni and cable cars) will be provided for each registered person who picks San Francisco tour.

Special Note: Reservation/Payment for Baseball ticket (July 29, Wednesday) and Napa Wine Tour (August 1, Saturday) must be submitted directly on [MetSoc2015 website](#) (NOT the Registration form). We accept those reservations until June 29th. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

Accommodations: We recommend room reservation sooner.

Foothill Residence Hall and Stern Hall: We are taking reservations for Foothill Residence Hall and Stern Hall. Since the number of rooms is limited, the reservations are on a first come, first served basis although students have priority. Please look at the website and send back Reservation Form. We will send you back information on payment methods.

The Women’s Faculty Club: Only a few single rooms are left.

Faculty Club: Sorry, all rooms were booked.

Local Hotels: You can find local hotels at the bottom [site](#). Several rooms at Hotel Durant and Hotel Shattuck Plaza were reserved (contact with us). Some hotels accept University discount rate. Note, some of the hotels are not within walking distance.

Visa and request for Invitation letter: To check if you need a visa to visit USA click [here](#). If you need Invitation letter from us for visa application, download form from [website](#) and send to us.

If you have any question, contact [us](#):

Sponsors: (up to April 14, 2015)

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Japan Polar Research Association
NASA Mars Program Office
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National Electrostatics Corporation (NEC)
International Meteorite Collectors Association (IMCA)
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