

Greetings:

Fall is quickly approaching and the Thirteenth Annual Michigan Space Grant Consortium Conference is just around the corner! This year's conference has been scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2008. You are cordially invited to register for this year's event; a registration form is located on our website: www.umich.edu/~msgc. The conference will be held in the François Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Building (same location as previous years). This year's keynote speaker will be Professor Nilton Renno. The topic of the keynote speech will be ***Phoenix and the Search for Water on Mars***.

REGISTRATION

Please register early so that we can get an idea of how many people we can expect for the various activities planned. Remember . . . we need a registration form for *each and every person* attending the conference (including those who will not be participating in a lecture or poster presentation) in order to make adequate plans for seating, refreshments, and lunch. Should you need overnight accommodations, we suggest that you make reservations as soon as possible (see ***Lodging***). Students, please see information within this letter under ***Travel for Students***.

CALL FOR LECTURES AND/OR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

We would like to have presentations on both MSGC ongoing or previous programs (Fellowship, Pre-College Education, Public Outreach, Higher Education Incentive, Teacher Training, Research Seed Grant, and K-12 Educator Incentive Programs) **and non-MSGC** supported but related activities or other space science or aerospace-related research and/or development projects. We are soliciting abstracts for short lectures (not longer than 15 minutes, but specifics will be determined once we receive abstracts) or poster presentations (we will have poster presentation sessions, but we will *not* be hosting a student poster competition) detailing the progress or results of your program, research, or activity. Morning and afternoon poster sessions will be scheduled to give conference participants and guests plenty of time to see each poster and have the opportunity to ask questions. Please see the **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS** page in this packet. Easels (see photo within this letter) will be provided for displaying the posters along with a sheet of black foam core. The sheet of foam core is 32 inches x 40 inches. If you have a tri-fold poster, please request a table.

TRAVEL FOR STUDENTS

The Michigan Space Grant Consortium offers the following to students, *currently or recently participating in MSGC activities*, who are interested in attending the conference:

- Students, if you need overnight accommodations, please call Bonnie Bryant no later than Monday, September 29, 2008. She will make reservations at a hotel no more than 10 – 15 minutes away from the conference location.
- MSGC will reimburse mileage costs at a rate of 58.5¢ per mile (up to \$200.00) or up to \$200.00 as partial reimbursement toward other modes of transportation.

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LODGING

To guarantee reservations, a credit card or deposit for the first night's lodging is a must. When registering, please ask the registration clerk for the University of Michigan rate (rates below reflect the University of Michigan's corporate rate).

HOTEL	PHONE	RATE	WEB
Holiday Inn North Campus	(734) 769-9800/ (800)-Holiday	\$92.00	http://www.annarborholidayinn.com



We look forward to our Thirteenth Annual Michigan Space Grant Consortium Conference and hope that many of you will be able to participate in the festivities on Saturday, October 18, 2008. Registering early (**REGISTRATION FORM**) will help us with the organization of the conference, and securing lodging reservations as soon as possible is strongly suggested.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Alec D. Gallimore'.

Professor Alec D. Gallimore
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