

The Lunar and Planetary Institute

Planetary Science Symposium

- On January 31, 2018, the Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) held a Planetary Science Symposium for twenty Solar System Ambassadors and members of NASA's Museum Alliance and their guests
- Attendees influence thousands of students and members of the public through their programs and organizations each year
- Participants heard a series of presentations from planetary scientists, toured the LPI library and Regional Planetary Image Facility, and learned about Astromaterials Research and Exploration Science (ARES) assets and resources
- The event was scheduled to leverage participants' attendance at the Space Center Houston's annual Space Education (SEEC) conference



Dr. Georgiana Kramer discussed her career path and research on lunar swirls.

LPI scientists gave a series of presentations:

- **Dr. Edgard Rivera-Valentin, *Asteroids***
- **Dr. Paul Schenk, *Pluto and New Horizons***
- **Dr. Georgiana Kramer, *Lunar Swirls***
- **Dr. Walter Kiefer, *Mars Geology Overview***

Online anonymous surveys were conducted to gather feedback

- All participants found the event useful (71% strongly agreed and 29% agreed that the event was useful for them and their programs)
- All participants indicated that the event expanded their knowledge of solar system science (86% strongly agreed and 14% agreed)
- 93% rated the event as excellent overall

A participant wrote: "Thanks SO much for taking advantage of us being in town for SEEC. It worked out SO well and the presentations were all excellent."



Paige Graff and Susan Runco shared NASA astromaterial assets and activities.