

New Administrator:



Dr. Michael Griffin

NASA Budget and Plans

NASA Budget

 Several missions will have to be "delayed, deferred, or cancelled" in order to pay for the missions where the priorities were set by the President and Congress

Challenges for NASA Astronomy

Challenges to the NASA Science Budget and the Universe Division Budget

- Return to Flight (again)
- Congressionally Directed Funding ("earmarks")
- James Webb Space Telescope cost growth
- Hubble Space Telescope
 - Extend operating life of HST
 - Optimize science program
 - SM-4 (with deorbit module included?)
- Near-term Launches
 - SOFIA flight operations initiation
 - GLAST
- SIM, TPF funding
- LISA, Con-X funding



Congressional Budget

July Budget News

(from AAS Informational Email)

- House passed NASA Authorization Bill; companion legislation must next pass Senate
- Contains mainly good news for Astronomy
- Ensures NASA's missions in space science, Earth science and aeronautics remain healthy and robust
- Endorses a Shuttle servicing mission for the Hubble Space Telescope



SMD Personnel Changes

Front Office:

Mary Cleave, Ph.D., P.E. – Associate Administrator (AA)

Colleen Hartman, Ph.D. – Deputy AA

Michael R. Luther – Deputy AA for Programs

Earth-Sun System Division:

Richard R. Fisher – Acting Director

Mission and Systems Management Division:

Kenneth Ledbetter – Acting Director

Other Divisions:

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