



# GLAST

The Gamma-ray Large Area Space Telescope

**Some Mission Activities, Issues  
Users Committee Meeting  
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# Topics

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- Overall project status: separate talk by Al Vernacchio
- Focus on issues since the September 28 telecon
  - SWG activities and Symposium (separate talk later)
  - presence at recent/upcoming meetings
    - HEAD: ~20 posters, special session, booth well staffed
      - see new handouts: mission fact sheet and GI program fact sheet
    - AAS special session organized by Julie; booth; 14 posters
    - other meetings (annual UMD meeting, Texas, Suzaku)
  - getting the word out about the GI program:
    - visits to Chandra, Berkeley, JPL/Spitzer
    - workshops being planned (one at GSFC in January; where else?)
  - further discussions with NRAO (Ulvestad), Spitzer (Werner).
    - iterating NRAO MOU in light of NSF Senior Review. Update in two weeks.
  - Fellows Program issues (see following slide)
- Community inputs to the monitored source list - Julie



# Fellows Issues

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- We are working out details how to administer the Fellows Program (see Rick's talk)
- If the program is managed at a Center that already has a Fellows Program (Chandra, Hubble, Spitzer,...), what are the principles?
  - can/should the peer selection be separate, and to what degree?
  - good to use the same cycle timing, agreed?
  - to what degree should we encourage intellectual connections between GLAST Fellows Program and the host Center's Fellows program?
- Have had preliminary, information-gathering discussions with Chandra and Spitzer thus far. Hubble next.
- Any restrictions on Fellows Program (years since Ph.D.? Institution quotas?)?
  - proposal written in SPD is not to have any restrictions.
- We will have an annual GLAST Fellows Symposium (see SPD).