ASK interactive



NASA in the News

NASA announced a Grand Challenge focused on finding all asteroid threats to human populations and knowing how to deal with them. Grand Challenges are ambitious goals on a national or global scale that capture the imagination and demand advances in innovation and breakthroughs in science and technology. The challenge is a large-scale effort that will use

multidisciplinary collaborations and a variety of partnerships with other government agencies, international partners, industry, academia, and citizen scientists. It complements NASA's recently announced mission to redirect an asteroid and send humans to study it. To read more about the challenge and respond to NASA's request for information, visit www.nasa.gov/asteroidinitiative.

Mars 2020

NASA has announced plans for a new robotic science rover set to launch in 2020. Designed to advance high-priority science goals for Mars exploration, the mission would address key questions about the potential for life on Mars. The mission would also provide opportunities to gather knowledge and demonstrate technologies that address the challenges of future human expeditions to Mars. NASA's plans include openly competing the opportunity for the mission's specific payload and science instruments. Learn more about the 2020 plan and the current science definitions for the mission at mars.jpl.nasa.gov/m2020.

NASA Apps

If you're looking for another way to keep up with NASA news on the go, the agency has a collection of apps tailored for general overviews and updates, photos, missions, on-demand video, International Space Station tracking, and more. Check out all the latest apps at www.nasa. gov/connect/apps.html.

For More on Our Stories

Additional information pertaining to articles featured in this issue can be found by visiting the following web sites:

- KSC Swamp Works: www. facebook.com/pages/SWAMP-WORKS-at-NASAKennedy-Space-Center/536736493017273
- Applied Physics Laboratory: www.jhuapl.edu
- NASA Knowledge Map: km.nasa.gov/knowledge-map

feedback

We welcome your comments on what you've read in this issue of *ASK* and your suggestions for articles you would like to see in future issues. Share your thoughts with us under "Contact Us" at appel.nasa.gov.