

# Recent CSSP Activities

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# CSSP Highlights

## Progress on Decadal Survey Goals is being made – slowly and tentatively

- **DRIVE** funding wedge still promised in FY18
  - FY 17 budget uncertain, particularly the ‘mandatory’ items for DRIVE (5M) space weather (10M), and cube sats (10M).
  - Science centers deferred.
  - Marginal progress in proposal success rates in R&A at NASA and NSF – some improvements programmatic.
- **Explorers** - Heliophysics SMEX proposals just received
  - Projected cadence 2013, 2017, 2022, maybe 2024/5?
  - JAXA/Solar-C on hiatus.

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## Future Strategic Missions

- **STP** - IMAP (Interstellar Mapping & Acceleration Probe)
  - ◆ AO in FY17 - But details uncertain – no STDT; no commitment to PI-led; no firm collaboration with NOAA/SWPC
- **LWS** - GDC (Geospace Dynamic Constellation)
  - ◆ AO in FY18.
  - ❖ Solar Probe Plus and Solar Orbiter on track for CY 2018 launch.
- **NSF** MREFC DKIST (D.K. Inouye Solar Telescope)
  - ◆ On track for 2019 commissioning
  - ❖ Divestiture of most other solar telescopes proceeding
  - ❖ Synoptic program hanging on with some inter-agency support (NOAA, some DoD) for operational needs

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**Leadership -- CSSP continues to build relationships with changing personnel at the agencies.**

- ❖ 3 meetings in a row with same NASA/HPD leadership !!
- ❖ Still-delayed appointment of new Heliophysics science deputy
- ❖ Leadership in transition at SWPC
- ❖ Heliophysics visibility

## NSF/AGS Portfolio Review

- ❖ Under Review

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# CSSP Highlights - SWX

Two pieces of space-weather news:

- President Obama issued an executive order assigning responsibility for Space Weather to a permanent subcommittee of the National Science and Technology Council.
- NOAA has taken responsibility for solar and solar wind observations at L1 with a 2022 follow-on mission, allowing other agencies to focus on L5.

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# **CSSP Highlights - SWX**

Space Weather was a major topic. Sessions Focused on Six Impediments to Progress in Space Weather.

There was lively discussion. More detail will follow during tomorrow's discussion of a Space Weather Study

- **Vision: What are the horizon goals that drive our strategic and tactical programs?**
- **Science: What gaps exist in measurements, modeling, and forecasting tools?**
- **Policy: Is there a program supporting Research to Operations and Operations to Research?**
- **Implementation: How are community models best developed, maintained and improved?**
- **Awareness: What really are the important requirements and who is responsible for them?**
- **Culture: How can we overcome the persistent apparent conflict between pure and applied science?**