

Committee on Biological and Physical Sciences in Space (CBPSS)

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CBPSS Status

- After an interruption in funding the committee is active
- Meeting
 - Met the new Director of NASA's Division of Space Life and Physical Sciences Research and Applications
 - Program briefings from NASA to bring new CBPSS members up to speed and update returning members
- Status of Mid-term review of decadal study

Key Science & Issues for CBPSS

- The science portfolio is progressing nicely
 - Key aspects of long duration biology and life support
 - Unique combustion progress
 - Cryogenics and fluids
 - Unique confluence of biology and physical, biofilms
- The successful transition of microgravity research from ISS to a post-ISS era continues to be a central issue, with ever crystallizing nuances, including 2024
- Increasing focus on Gateway and transition to deep space
- Crew time, Soyuz and commercial crew relating to science
- Predicting how much science will get done before 2024 or before deep space or before/for Gateway and on Gateway

Mid-Term Assessment of Decadal

- Almost mid way through process
- Second meeting April, community input event
- Very active and engaged committee
- Two more meetings planned, target complete end of 2017
- Some aspects of this mid-term review:
 - Focus on *challenges and opportunities* provided by changing program landscape for microgravity research
 - Will map previous decadal priorities against human exploration needs
 - Deep engagement with SLPSRA on program data

