

“Wide-Field IR Surveys: Science and Techniques”

First Announcement

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“Wide-Field IR Surveys: Science and Techniques”

- Date: Nov 17-20, 2014
- Venue: Pasadena, CA
- Rationale:
 - Advertise SDT progress and results, and the new vision for AFTA mission
 - Further engage community in thinking about mission and its science potential, in context of recent and upcoming surveys
 - Feed-back to SDT, informing their trade studies
 - Motivate eventually advocacy by community

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- Format: 3 or 3.5 days conference with plenary and splinter sessions
- Focus on full breadth of AFTA/WFIRST science, with splinters addressing clusters of topics
 - Exoplanets
 - Dark Energy
 - MW+Local Group Galaxies
 - Science beyond Local Group
- Splinters to alternate with plenaries to make it attractive for all participants to stay the whole time and enhance interactions across disciplines

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- Conversations so far among David Spergel, Neil Gehrels, Alan Dressler. Will start forming SOC, balanced between SDT and outside community

A Renewed Invitation

- Pasadena would be happy to host SDT again
 - IPAC/NExSci, JPL, Exoplanet Exploration Program Office