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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to welcome you to the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate Advisory Committee (MPSAC), scheduled for February 5th. The agenda is posted on the [MPSAC website](#), and a copy accompanies this letter.

Once again, the agenda focuses on materials available for your pre-meeting review, reinforcing our plans for the AC to provide the Directorate with advice from the community. I look forward to updating you on MPS and to hearing from you. Here are a few highlights of the meeting.

- We are proceeding with a search for a Deputy Assistant Director (DAD) for MPS. Dr. Cliff Gabriele continues to help us as the Acting DAD.
- We are also continuing with a search for a Division Director of the Division of Materials Research. Linda Sapochak continues to serve as the the Acting Division Director.
- We are in the midst of a search for a Deputy Division Director for the Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS). We are grateful that Tie Luo and Jennifer Pearl stepped up to serve as Acting Deputy Division Director. Hank Warchal who served as Deputy Division Director has moved to a Senior Advisor position in DMS.
- I am pleased to announce that Angela Wilson from Michigan State University will begin as the Division Director of the Chemistry Division in March.
- Discussion items for our meeting will include
 - A presentation by the Office of Legislative and Public Affairs
 - Graduate student training in MPS disciplines
 - Support for young investigators

Eduardo Misawa is the liaison for the MPSAC. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact him at 703-292-5353 or at emisawa@nsf.gov. Sara Dwyer have sent you information concerning logistical arrangements for the meeting, including registration (which you must complete for each day in order to receive payment). You may reach Sara at sfwyer@nsf.gov or at 703-292-8800 for more information.

We will be in touch soon by email to provide more detailed instructions.

I look forward to a productive meeting next month.

Sincerely,

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