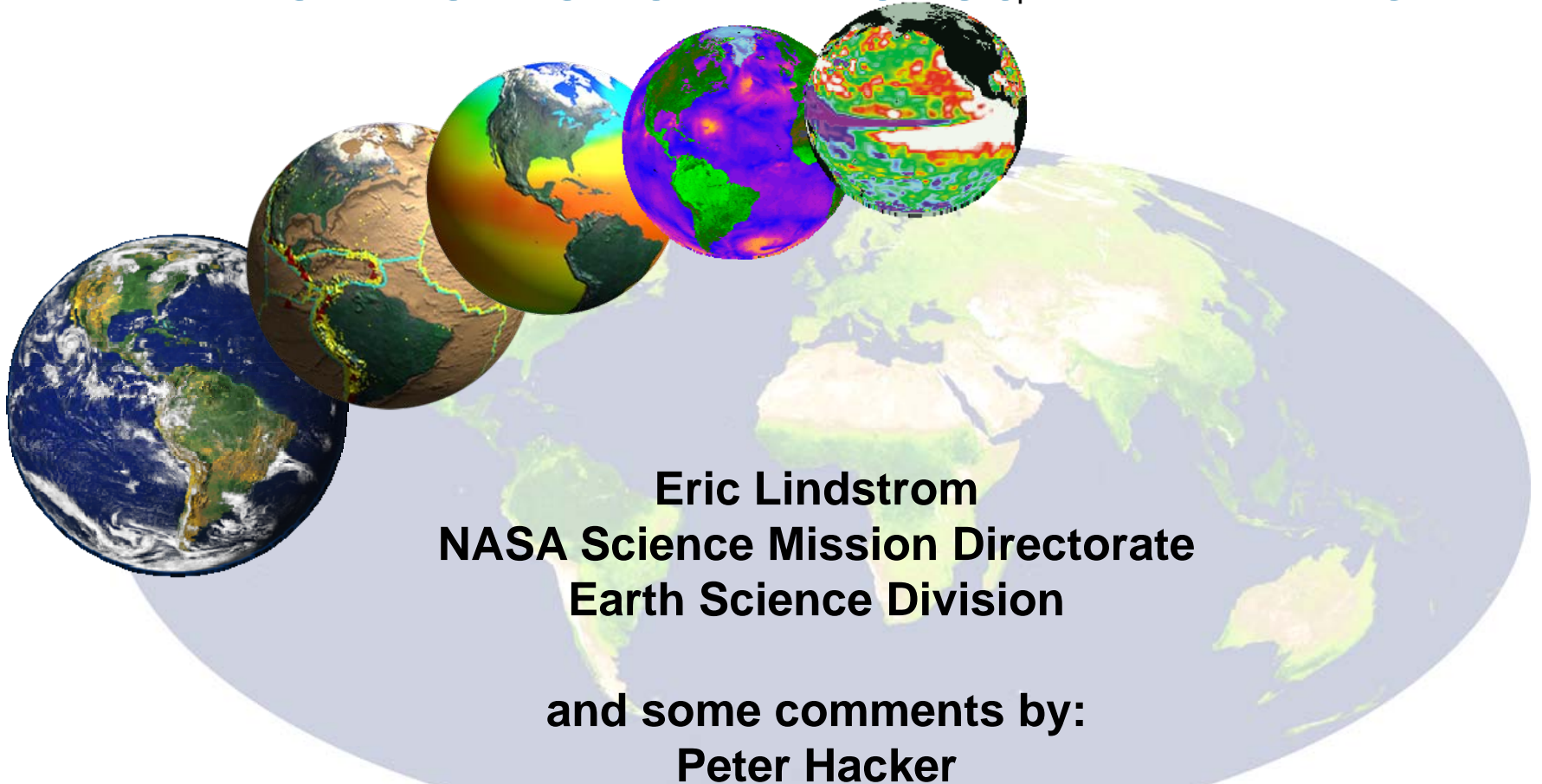


**WELCOME
AND
BEST WISHES FOR A PRODUCTIVE MEETING**



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NASA Role- Focus on Research and Support of OST-ST

NASA commitment to OST-ST success (new call in FY2011).

Previous call for proposals: T/P, Jason-1, Jason-2 analysis and included SWOT science opportunities, sub-mesoscale, hydrology (lakes and river systems).

Past year (EL):

Jason-1 End of Life
Jason-3 4-party agreement
SWOT science and planning

Last week (PH):

4th Coastal Altimetry Workshop -
Successful meeting on technical issues and
scientific rationale for obtaining SSH close to
coasts.

News from NASA (E. Lindstrom)

- SWOT is now settled between NASA and CNES – 2019 launch date.
- Jason-CS requirements are a matter for ST discussion.
- Jason-3 is underway – LRD is June 2013.
- Jason-1 retirement depends on SARAL/AltiKa post-launch data readiness date.

This week: Report progress and ***provide input to NASA on new research opportunities and challenges to include in the OST-ST call.***

OCEAN SURFACE TOPOGRAPHY SCIENCE TEAM

The Ocean Surface Topography Science Team is tentatively scheduled to next solicit proposals in ROSES 2011.

The joint NASA/CNES Ocean Surface Topography Science Team (OSTST) supports basic research and analysis activities associated with joint satellite altimetry missions (TOPEX/Poseidon (TP), Jason-1, and Ocean Surface Topography Mission) and other ocean altimetry data sets. The team is re-competed every four years. Proposals were last received in October 2007, and it is anticipated that proposals will be solicited again in ROSES 2011.

The goals of the OSTST are to provide the scientific underpinning for production of the best possible satellite-derived ocean surface topography data sets and to demonstrate the Earth science and applications arising from analyses of the ocean surface topography data. The team is also involved in the calibration and validation for the Ocean Surface Topography Mission (OSTM), a cooperative mission between NASA, CNES, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) which successfully launched in June 2008.