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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to welcome you to the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate Advisory Committee (MPSAC), scheduled for August 14-15, 2018. The agenda will be posted on the [MPSAC website for this meeting](#), and a draft version accompanies this letter.

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.

Discussion items for our meeting will include:

- The four Big Ideas that are most closely tied to MPS: Quantum Leap, Windows on the Universe, Harnessing the Data Revolution, and Rules of Life
- NSF's new policy on sexual harassment
- A possible future Subcommittee on Synthetic Biology

John Gillaspay is the liaison and Christopher Coox is the administrative contact for the MPSAC. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact John (703-292-7173/jgillasp@nsf.gov) or Chris (703-292-5137/ccoox@nsf.gov). You should have received information concerning logistical arrangements for the meeting from John and Chris, including registration (which you must complete for each day of your attendance at the meeting in order to receive payment).

I look forward to a productive meeting next month.

Sincerely,



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