

Eric Lindstrom – Short Bio

Dr. Eric Lindstrom is a Program Scientist in the Science Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters in Washington D.C. He has degrees in Earth and Planetary Sciences from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1977) and Physical Oceanography from University of Washington (1983). His scientific interests include the circulation of the ocean and air-sea exchange processes.

Dr. Lindstrom spent the early part of his career leading research expeditions in the waters around Australia as a member of Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO). A native of California, Dr. Lindstrom returned permanently to the USA in 1991 to work on planning for several large experiments of the World Climate Research Program (the TOGA Coupled Ocean-Atmosphere Response Experiment and the World Ocean Circulation Experiment). Over the years he has been a passionate advocate for the development of a global ocean observing system. Before coming to NASA he served as Director of the Global Ocean Observing System Project Office in NOAA.

NASA Headquarters recruited Dr. Lindstrom in 1997 to lead its Physical Oceanography Program. In 2001 Dr. Lindstrom was awarded NASA's Exceptional Service Medal for his success in developing a unified oceanography program at NASA that is well-integrated with those of other Federal agencies. Under Dr. Lindstrom's leadership the NASA Oceanography program has become a substantial contributor to the National Oceanographic Partnership Program and a more active participant with other agencies in developing the integrated global ocean observing systems of the future. He is co-chair of the Interagency Working Group on Ocean Partnerships and Program Scientist for the Quikscat, Jason, Jason-2, and Aquarius satellite missions. He was recently selected to serve as the next chairman of the international Ocean Observations Panel for Climate (OOPC).