

David Carlson Appointed Director of WCRP Joint Planning Staff

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WCRP sponsors are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. David Carlson as Director of the World Climate Research Programme Joint Planning staff.

Dr. Carlson directed the International Programme Office for the International Polar Year 2007-2008. IPY, with more than 50,000 participants from 60 nations, stimulated a wide range of geophysical, biological and social science research at a critical time for Polar Regions.

Dr. Carlson has devoted more than 15 years to international science: in 1990-94 he was the Director of the International Project Office for the Tropical Ocean Global Atmosphere programme (TOGA). After that and through nearly a decade he was the Director of Atmospheric Technology for the US National Center for Atmospheric Research, supporting climate, atmospheric chemistry and

meteorology research around the world.

Dr. Carlson holds a PhD in Oceanography and led successful research on upper ocean physics and chemistry, oceanic microbiology and carbon cycling, and marine chemical ecology at Oregon State University.

Dr. Carlson is currently serving as Chief Editor for Earth System Science Data, a journal he founded with Dr. Han Pfeiffenberger.

The JPS is looking forward to welcoming him in Geneva when he will take his duty in June 2014