

## Dr. Ernest Hildner



Ernie Hildner, a solar physicist, was director of NOAA's Space Environment Center from 1986 until his retirement in 2005. He led the center's transition from a laboratory into an operational national center for environmental prediction in the National Weather Service. He received the Department of Commerce Gold Medal and twice received the Presidential Rank Award for Senior Executive Service federal managers.

Dr. Hildner holds a BA from Wesleyan University, an MA and a PhD in physics from the University of Colorado.

He served on the National Research Council's *Committee on Archiving and Accessing Environmental and Geospatial Data at NOAA*. This report of this committee provided principles and guidelines that the DAARWG used in developing advice to NOAA. Dr. Hildner contributions during his first three-year term on DAARWG have been significant. He has been one of the strongest contributors to DAARWG discussions. His background and knowledge of NOAA has been a useful input to DAARWG.

The DAARWG will benefit from having Dr. Hildner reappointed to a second three-year term.