Science Diplomacy and Policy Seminar

Dr. George Atkinson

A 21st Century Conundrum: Reconciling Policy with Credible Science

Tuesday January 31
3:30 - 4:30 pm
Civil Engineering Room 201

Dr. Atkinson, a University of Arizona emeritus faculty and Tucson resident, will bring his considerable experience in the science policy domain to lead off the science diplomacy and policy (SDP) seminar series. He will discuss his novel approach on developing actionable SDP plans and the environment for and challenges in combining science with policy. The series bookends the UA’s February 22-24 conference on the topic.

Biosketch

Dr. Atkinson founded the Institute on Science for Global Policy (ISGP) and is an Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Optical Science at the University of Arizona (UA). He is former head of the UA’s Department of Chemistry, the founder of a laser sensor company serving the semiconductor industry, and Science and Technology Adviser (STAS) to U.S. Secretaries of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice. He launched the ISGP in 2008 as a new type of international forum in which credible experts provide governmental and societal leaders with understanding of the science and technology that can be reasonably anticipated to help shape the increasingly global societies of the 21st century.

Dr. Atkinson has received National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health graduate fellowships, a National Academy of Sciences Post Doctoral Fellowship, a Senior Fulbright Award, the SERC Award (U.K.), the Senior Alexander von Humboldt Award (Germany), a Lady Davis Professorship (Israel), the first American Institute of Physics’ Scientist Diplomat Award, a Titular Director of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, the Distinguished Service Award (Indiana University), an Honorary Doctorate (Eckerd College), the Distinguished Achievement Award (University of California, Irvine), and was selected by students as the Outstanding Teacher at the University of Arizona. He received his B.S. (high honors, Phi Beta Kappa) from Eckerd College and his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Indiana University. He was recently the president of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society.

Other scheduled SDP seminar series talks:
Dr. David Cash, Dean, McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, U. of Massachusetts, February 13, 3 pm in ENR2 S107