

Biographical information of ISGP Board of Directors

Dr. George Atkinson, Chairman

Dr. George 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. He is former head of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Arizona, 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.

Dr. Ben Tuchi, Secretary/Treasurer

Dr. Ben Tuchi is chairman of the board of directors of the Arizona Research Park Authority. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Business Administration from the Pennsylvania State University and his PhD in Finance from St Louis University. His full-time teaching career began in 1961 at St. Francis College and continued until 1976 at West Virginia University. From 1976 through 1996 he served in cabinet levels at West Virginia University, The University of Arizona, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and finally as Sr. Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance of the University of Pittsburgh. During those assignments he was simultaneously a tenured professor of finance. He retired from the last executive post in 1996 and returned to a full-time teaching position as Professor of Finance at the University of Pittsburgh, until his retirement in 1999. For the two years prior to his retirement he was the Director of Graduate Programs in Business in Central Europe, at Comenius University, making his home in Bratislava, The Slovak Republic.

Dr. Janet Bingham, Member

Dr. Janet Bingham is President and CEO of the George Mason University (GMU) Foundation and GMU's Vice President for Advancement. GMU is the largest university in Virginia. Previously, she was President and CEO of the Huntsman Cancer Foundation (HCF) in Salt Lake City, Utah. The foundation is a charitable organization that provides financial support to the Huntsman Cancer Institute, the only cancer specialty research center and hospital in the Intermountain West. Dr. Bingham also managed Huntsman Cancer Biotechnology Inc. In addition, she served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer with the Huntsman Foundation, the private charitable foundation established by Jon M. Huntsman Sr. to support education, cancer interests, programs for abused women and children, and programs for the homeless. Before joining the Huntsman philanthropic organizations, Dr. Bingham was the Vice President for External Relations and Advancement at the University of Arizona. Prior to her seven years in that capacity, she served as Assistant Vice President for Health Sciences at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center. Dr. Bingham was recognized as one of the Ten Most Powerful Women in Arizona.

Dr. Henry Koffler, Member

Dr. Henry Koffler is President Emeritus of the University of Arizona (UA). He served as President of the UA from 1982-1991. From 1982 he also held professorships in the Departments of Biochemistry, Molecular and Cellular Biology, and Microbiology and Immunology, positions from which he retired in 1997 as Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry. His personal research during these years concentrated on the physiology and molecular biology of microorganisms. He was Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Minnesota, and Chancellor, University of Massachusetts/Amherst, before coming to the UA. He taught at Purdue University, where he was a Hovde Distinguished Professor, and the School of Medicine at Western Reserve University (now Case Western Reserve University). Dr. Koffler served as a founding Governor and founding Vice-Chairman of the American Academy of Microbiology, and as a member of the governing boards of Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, the Argonne National Laboratory, and the Superconducting Super Collider Laboratory. He was also a board member of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, a member and Chairman of the Council of Presidents and a member of the executive committee of the National Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities. He was also Founder, President and board member of the Arizona Senior Academy, the driving force in the development of the Academy Village, an innovative living and learning community. Among the honors that Dr. Koffler has received are a Guggenheim Fellowship and the Eli Lilly Award in Bacteriology and Immunology.

Mr. Jim Kolbe, Member

For 22 years, Mr. Jim Kolbe served in the United States House of Representatives, elected in Arizona for 11 consecutive terms, from 1985 to 2007. Mr. Kolbe is currently serving as a Senior Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and as a Senior Adviser to McLarty Associates, a strategic consulting firm. He advises on trade matters as well as issues of effectiveness of U.S. assistance to foreign countries, on U.S.-European Union relationships, and on migration and its relationship to development. He is also Co-Chair of the Transatlantic Taskforce on Development with Gunilla Carlsson, the Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation. He also is an adjunct Professor in the College of Business at the University of Arizona. While in Congress, he served for 20 years on the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives, was chairman of the Treasury, Post Office and Related Agencies subcommittee for four years, and for his final six years in Congress, he chaired the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies subcommittee. He graduated from Northwestern University with a B.A. degree in Political Science and then from Stanford University with an M.B.A. and a concentration in economics.

Dr. Charles Parmenter, Member

Dr. Charles Parmenter is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Indiana University. He also served as Professor and Assistant and Associate Professor at Indiana University in a career there that spanned nearly half a century (1964-2010). He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1955-57. He worked at DuPont after serving in the military and received his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester and was a Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard University. He has been elected a Member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fulbright Senior Scholar, and received the Senior Alexander von Humboldt Award in 1984. He has received the Earle K. Plyler Prize, was a Spiers Medalist and Lecturer at the Faraday Society, and served as Chair of the Division of Physical Chemistry of the American Chemical Society, Co-Chair of the First Gordon Conference on Molecular Energy Transfer, Co-organizer of the Telluride Workshop on Large Amplitude Motion and Molecular Dynamics, and Councilor of Division of Chemical Physics, American Physical Society.

Mr. Thomas Pickering, Member

Mr. Thomas Pickering is Vice Chairman of Hills & Co, international consultants, and Strategic Adviser to NGP Energy Capital Management. He co-chaired a State-Department-sponsored panel investigating the September 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi. He served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in New York, the Russian Federation, India, Israel, El Salvador, Nigeria, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Mr. Pickering also served on assignments in Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He was U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, president of the Eurasia Foundation, Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and Boeing Senior Vice President for International Relations. He also co-chaired an international task force on Afghanistan, organized by the Century Foundation. He received the Distinguished Presidential Award in 1983 and again in 1986 and was awarded the Department of State's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award in 1996. He holds the personal rank of Career Ambassador, the highest in the U.S. Foreign Service. He graduated from Bowdoin College and received a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Dr. Eugene Sander, Member

Dr. Eugene G. Sander served as the 20th president of the University of Arizona (UA), stepping down in 2012. He formerly was vice provost and dean of the UA's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, overseeing 11 academic departments and two schools, with research stations and offices throughout Arizona. He also served as UA Executive Vice President and Provost, Vice President for University Outreach and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station and Acting Director of Cooperative Extension Service. Prior to his move to Arizona, Dr. Sander served as the Deputy Chancellor for biotechnology development, Director of the Institute of Biosciences and Technology, and head of the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics for the Texas A&M University system. He was Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry at West Virginia University Medical Center and Associate Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the College of Medicine, University of Florida. As an officer in the United States Air Force, he was the assistant chief of the biospecialties section at the Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, received his master's degree and Ph.D. from Cornell University and completed postdoctoral study at Brandeis University. As a biochemist, Dr. Sander worked in the field of mechanisms by which enzymes catalyze reactions.

Mr. Richard Armitage, Special Adviser

Mr. Richard L. Armitage is the President at Armitage International, where he assists companies in developing strategic business opportunities. He served as Deputy Secretary of State from March 2001 to February 2005. Mr. Armitage, with the personal rank of Ambassador, directed U.S. assistance to the new independent states (NIS) of the former Soviet Union. He filled key diplomatic positions as Presidential Special Negotiator for the Philippines Military Bases Agreement and Special Mediator for Water in the Middle East. President Bush sent him as a Special Emissary to Jordan's King Hussein during the 1991 Gulf War. Mr. Armitage also was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia and Pacific Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy. He has received numerous U.S. military decorations as well as decorations from the governments of Thailand, Republic of Korea, Bahrain, and Pakistan. Most recently, he was appointed an Honorary Companion of The New Zealand Order of Merit. He serves on the Board of Directors of ConocoPhillips, ManTech International Corporation, and Transcu Ltd., is a member of The American Academy of Diplomacy as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Center for Strategic and International Studies.