Dr. Donald A.B. Lindberg

Dr. Lindberg was the founding Director of the National Coordination Office (NCO) for NITRD, formerly the NCO for High Performance Computing and Communications (HPCC).

The HPCC Program was formally established by Congress in the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991. The law called for the coordination of activities in high-performance computing and the establishment of a National Research and Education Network (NREN) across Federal agencies. Dr. Lindberg led this effort from 1992 to 1995 while serving concurrently as the Director of the National Library of Medicine (NLM).

In its first annual report to Congress, the Supplement to the President’s Fiscal Year 1992 Budget, HPCC reported a FY 1991 base budget of $489 million, with eight federal agencies participating, and four R&D components.

Today, the FY 2015 NITRD Supplement to the President’s Budget reports to Congress an estimated budget of $3.8 billion across 20 Federal agencies and 13 R&D focus areas.

The NITRD Program has long been known for its technical accomplishments and its productive coordination and collaboration activities. It is considered a model of Federal multi-agency R&D efforts. These successes build on the strong foundation that Dr. Lindberg’s created as founding NCO Director. He established an environment in which already existing collegiality was
reinforced, and he introduced processes that allowed agencies both to work together and to act independently, all to the greater HPCC good.

We join NLM in congratulating and honoring Dr. Lindberg for his extraordinary career and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

- Additional information on Dr. Lindberg’s career and accomplishments can be found at http://www.nih.gov/about/director/11062014_statement_lindberg.htm.

Additional information about the NITRD Program’s activities can be found at https://www.nitrd.gov/.