



The HDF Group's Habermann Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

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Champaign, IL -- Dr. Ted Habermann, right, Director of Earth Science at [The HDF Group](#), was recognized last week by the [Federation for Earth Science Information Partners \(ESIP\)](#) in Washington D.C. with the Martha Maiden Lifetime Achievement Award. The award acknowledges significant lifetime leadership, dedication and a collaborative spirit in advancing the field of Earth Science information.

Dr. Habermann was introduced by Ed Armstrong of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory who described pioneering work in development of Earth Science data collections on CD-ROMS, web access to data and information, science education, spatial databases, web mapping services and development of national and international standards for data documentation. Many of these projects involved working across organizational boundaries in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and between multiple U.S. Federal Agencies. Emily Law, the vice president of the Federation said, "Dr. Habermann's significant contributions, influence and leadership in metadata and interoperability, involving national and international institutions, epitomize the cooperative spirit and vision of the ESIP Federation."



Habermann worked at NOAA's National Geophysical Data Center for twenty-five years before joining The HDF Group in April, 2013. At The HDF Group he has focused on extending Earth Science activities with NASA and expanding the Earth Science Program with projects funded by the National Science Foundation and others. Habermann brings a strong background in national and international standards for documenting data across many processing systems and data centers so that scientists, decision-makers, and the general public can understand and trust data collected by U.S. Federal agencies and the academic community. He is also widely recognized as an expert in data management and in architectures of observing systems, data archives, and distribution systems. Dr. Habermann is a resident of Boulder, Colorado.

The HDF Group develops and maintains an open-source, freely available technology platform and tools for working with very large and complex collections of data. HDF's products are a critical element of the NASA's [Earth Observing System](#) and HDF technology is used all over the world in federal, scientific and commercial applications with similarly complex data and supercomputing needs.

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