

## Biographical Sketch

**Dr. Craig M. Schiffries** is Director for Geoscience Policy at the Geological Society of America, a scientific society with over 23,000 members from academia, government, and industry in more than 90 countries. He also serves as Co-Chair of the USGS Coalition, an alliance of more than 70 scientific organizations united by a commitment to the continued vitality of the U.S. Geological Survey. He is a Commissioner on the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO. Dr. Schiffries is Chairman of the Marshall Scholarship selection committee in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Schiffries formerly served as Director of Science Policy at the National Council for Science and the Environment. He was Chairman of the 5<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment: *Forecasting Environmental Changes*. He was also Chairman of the 4<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment: *Water for a Sustainable and Secure Future*.

Dr. Schiffries previously served as Director of the Board on Earth Sciences and Resources of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council. His group published 17 books, including *Hardrock Mining on Federal Lands*, *Satellite Gravity and the Geosphere*, *Research Required to Support Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Monitoring*, and *Rediscovering Geography*. He also served as a visiting faculty member at Yale University; Director of Government Affairs at the American Geological Institute; a consultant with Monitor Company; and a Congressional Science Fellow on the staff of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee.

In addition to his technical publications in petrology, geochemistry, and economic geology, Dr. Schiffries has written on science policy and testified before Congress, the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, the EPA Science Advisory Board, and other advisory bodies.

Dr. Schiffries simultaneously earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Yale University, where he was elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*, graduated *summa cum laude*, and double-majored in Geology and Geophysics and in Economics and Political Science. He was a Marshall Scholar at Oxford University, where he earned an honors B.A. in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. He received a Ph.D. in Geology from Harvard University, where he held a fellowship from the Hertz Foundation.