

Biography
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Dr. Zebiak is Director-General of the International Research Institute for Climate and Society at Columbia University, which uses a science-based approach to enhance society's ability to understand, anticipate and manage climate risk to improve human welfare. As Director, he leads an inter-disciplinary team of over 40 scientists specializing in climate prediction, agriculture, health, water, economics and development policy. Dr. Zebiak has worked in the area of ocean-atmosphere interaction and climate variability since completing his Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1984. Prior to his current position, he was the director of modeling and prediction research at IRI, coordinating IRI coupled model efforts, data assimilation/forecast system development, predictability, and climate dynamics research for seasonal-to-interannual time scales. He and Dr. Mark Cane authored the first dynamical model used to predict El Niño successfully. He has authored or co-authored over 100 peer-reviewed articles in journals such as *Journal of Climate*, *Science*, and *Nature*; and has chaired or served on advisory groups for numerous US and international climate research programs. Dr. Zebiak is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society.