

#### D. James Baker and the IOC

D. James Baker has been involved with the IOC for almost 30 years, starting in 1983 when he chaired the U.S. delegation to IOC's Southern Ocean Coordinating Group. He served as an advisor and member of the U.S. IOC delegation to the Executive Council and Assembly meetings during most of the 1980s. He chaired the Committee on Ocean Processes and Climate from 1989 to 1992, and gave the Anton Bruun lecture in 1989 to the XVth IOC Assembly on "Observing Change in the Global Ocean: the View from Space." Later he chaired the Committee for the Global Ocean Observing System both before and after he served as Administrator of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (1993-2001), a position from which he continued to guide U.S. policy toward IOC. He then served as a consultant to IOC on global observations from 2006 to 2008, producing a report on the status and future of national funding, and to IOC and WMO on the Joint Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology where he prepared the JCOMM Business Plan. Most recently, he chaired the governing board of the Ocean Biogeographic Information System and advised on the process that merged this program into IOC's International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange.