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Woods Hole Research Center Welcomes New Director

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Dr. William Y. Brown officially begins his new role as President and CEO of the Woods Hole Research Center this Monday, February 1, 2010.

"The Woods Hole Research Center is a world leader in providing science for an Earth in balance," said Brown. "It is an honor to have been chosen to lead the Center, and I am eager to begin."

Dr. Brown was previously the President and CEO of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, the nation's oldest natural history museum. Prior to that role, he served as President and CEO of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Science Advisor to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt during the Clinton Administration.

Lawrence Huntington, Chairman of the Center's Board of Directors, said, "Bill joins the Center at a very exciting moment. The growth of our staff and the expansion of our work reflect an institution that is thriving. The Directors are very pleased to have Bill here, and we are confident that his vision will shape many future successes."

Brown was born in Artesia, California. He graduated from high school in Brazil at the Escola Americana do Recife. He later graduated from the University of Virginia (BA, Biology, with highest distinction), Johns Hopkins University (MAT), the University of Hawaii where he was an NSF Graduate Fellow (PhD, Zoology), and Harvard Law School (JD). Brown is a member of several honorary societies and the District of Columbia Bar. He is a member of the Division on Earth and Life Studies advisory committee of the National Academies. He is Chairman of the Global Heritage Fund, President of the Natural Science Collections Alliance, a director of the Wistar Institute, and a trustee of the Academy of Natural Sciences. He is a former Chairman of the Ocean Conservancy, and a former director of various boards, including the Environmental and Energy Study Institute, Environmental Law Institute, U.S. Environmental Training Institute, and the U.S. Committee for the United Nations Environment Programme. He is married to Mary E. McLeod, who is the Legal Advisor to the United States Mission to the United Nations. They have two daughters, Julia and Emma Brown.

The Woods Hole Research Center is an independent, nonprofit institute focused on environmental science, education, and public policy. The Center has projects in the Amazon, the Arctic, Africa, the Mid-Atlantic, and New England, as well as integrative efforts at continental to global scales. Center staff work in collaboration with partners ranging from local organizations, non-governmental institutions, national governments and the United Nations.

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