

**Dr. Craig R. Wuest selected as
Systems Analysis Group Leader
Office of Defense Coordination**

I am pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Craig R. Wuest as the Systems Analysis Group Leader for the newly formed Office of Defense Coordination (ODC), effective June 4, 2017.

In this position reporting to the ODC Director, Craig is responsible for conducting trade studies, analyzing emerging threats, and identifying potential technical solutions relevant to addressing capability shortfalls and gaps based on U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) priorities and needs. Topics for analysis will be proposed and prioritized by LLNL's DoD Council, in coordination with the Laboratory Director and the ODC Director. The Systems Analysis Group will initially consist of up to three analysts, supported by rotating expertise from inside the Laboratory as needed for specific studies and projects. Craig will also be responsible for directing the National Security Studies program within Global Security's Z Program as part of ODC's overall program.

Craig joined the Lab in 1983 as a post-doctoral researcher in the Laser Program, after receiving his Ph.D. in High Energy Physics from the University of California, Irvine. He joined D Division's Nuclear Weapon Effects Program in 1986 as an individual researcher working on directed energy effects and systems vulnerability and hardening. He has served as the Nuclear Weapon Effects Group Leader, Associate Program Leader for Proliferation Detection Systems, and Deputy Division Leader in Q Division and as Assistant NIF Project Manager and NIF Assistant Associate Director. Craig has also served as Deputy IP Division Leader and Deputy Z Program Manager.

More recently, Craig has been a Scowcroft Fellow at the Bush School of Government and Public Service and served as Special Scientific Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs at the Pentagon from 2013 to 2016. Craig also served as Executive Secretary for DoD's Defense Science Board Task Force on Deterring, Preventing, and Responding to the Threat or Use of Weapons of Mass Destruction and as a Special Invitee on the U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group Science and Technology Panel. In recognition of Craig's service to the DoD, he was presented with the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service in June 2016.

Craig brings an extraordinarily broad skill set and experience base to this position. Please join me in welcoming Craig to the Office of Defense Coordination.

Randall L. Simpson
Director, Interim
Office of Defense Coordination