

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

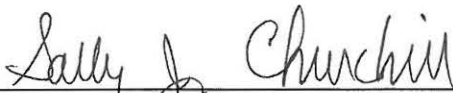
Vincent J. Abreu, Ph.D., research professor, Space Physics Research Laboratory, and lecturer, Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Sciences, College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2011.

Professor Abreu received his B.S. degree from Stetson University in 1967, his M.S. degree from North Texas State University in 1971, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Texas, Dallas, in 1974. Following completion of a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan (1975-76), he joined the faculty as an assistant research scientist in 1977, and was promoted to associate research scientist in 1983 and research scientist in 1987. In 1993, Professor Abreu left the University of Michigan to serve first as director of the Information-Cooperation Program (1993-95) and then as director of international activities (1996-98) at the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN). He returned to the University in 1999 as a research scientist (now research professor), and received an additional appointment as lecturer in 2002.

Professor Abreu was co-investigator and project scientist for the High Resolution Doppler Imager, which successfully measured the horizontal wind vector in the upper atmosphere from the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite (UARS). He played an important role in the process of establishing information systems for sustainable development in Latin America, Asia, and Eastern Europe. He was a consultant for the World Bank, Global Environmental Facility, the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), the United Nations Development Program/Sustainable Development Network Program, the Organization of American States, the Central American Commission for the Environment and Development (CCAD), and the National Research Council. Professor Abreu was a key figure in the conceptualization and development of the National Environmental Information System in Central America (SIAM). He has been a member or chair of nine NASA committees. Within the University, Professor Abreu taught classes in atmospheric, oceanic and space sciences and in aerospace engineering, and he chaired the committees for seven Ph.D. candidates.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **Vincent J. Abreu research professor emeritus**.

Requested by:



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