Biography – Dr. James S. Ulvestad

Dr. James S. Ulvestad is the Division Director of the Division of Astronomical Sciences at the National Science Foundation, a position he has held since 2010. Previously, he was an Assistant Director of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), where he was in charge of the Very Large Array and Very Long Baseline Array radio telescopes, and later was the head of the NRAO New Initiatives Office. Before his time at NRAO, Dr. Ulvestad served in various capacities at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where he played important roles in several interagency and international programs. Among his community service activities, Dr. Ulvestad chaired the Demographics Study Group of the 2010 National Academy of Sciences decadal survey in astronomy and astrophysics, was an elected member of the American Astronomical Society Council, and has been a member of NASA's Structure and Evolution of the Universe Subcommittee. Dr. Ulvestad is an author or co-author of more than 80 refereed papers in the scientific literature, as well as numerous technical reports.