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Dr. Meredith is currently the President of the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center (CRC) in Blacksburg, Virginia. The CRC consists of over 100 high-technology companies that employ over 1775 people. In 1997 the CRC was named, "Best Practice in Technology Transfer and Research Centers" in the eight-state, mid-Atlantic region. Recently, the park was selected to join an elite network of the best research parks in the world called *it-parcs*. Only one other U.S. park received this honor.

In addition to managing the operation of the center, Dr. Meredith is responsible for facilitating technology transfer from the university, increasing the level of sponsored research at Virginia Tech, and marketing the CRC to prospective tenants.

Previously, Dr. Meredith held a variety of management positions for a major defense contractor in research and development, engineering, data processing, integrated logistics support, and marketing.

Dr. Meredith holds a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from Virginia Tech, a Master's degree in Aeronautics, Astronautics, and Engineering Science from Purdue University, and a Ph.D. in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Virginia Tech. He also is a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College's Program Management Course.

Dr. Meredith is on the Board of Directors of Virginia Tech Intellectual Properties, Inc.; the Advisory Board of the Virginia Tech Business/Technology Center; former Vice Chairman of the Montgomery Regional Economic Development Commission; the Board of Directors of the New Century Council's Technology Committee; Member of the College of Engineering's Committee of 100; Member of ISE Academy of Distinguished Alumni; Co-Director of the New Century Council's Vital Signs Committee; former member of the Board of Directors of the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance; former Chairman of the Alliance R&D Committee; Chairman of First National Bank's Blacksburg Advisory Committee, Former President of the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Rotary Club, and Virginia Tech's representative to the New River Planning District Commission.

Dr. Meredith was named "Business Person of the Year – 2001" by the Blacksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce. He is an adjunct professor in the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department at Virginia Tech.

Dr. Meredith co-authored a paper published in the International Journal of

Technology Management in 1998 entitled: "A Case Study of the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center in the Context of the Cabral-Dahab Paradigm, with Comparison to other U.S. Research Parks."

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