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Dr. Kenneth Linthicum is the Director of the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) Center for Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology. The Center, located in Gainesville, Florida, is the first national center for insect research and the largest entomology laboratory in the world that conducts real-world problem solving research and technology transfer aimed at reducing or eliminating the harm caused by insects to crops, stored products, livestock, and humans.

Since becoming Director in 2004, Dr. Linthicum renewed and re-established the long historical technology transfer connection between the Center and the Department of Defense, a connection dating back to World War II. Dr. Linthicum's leadership and vision enabled the Center to recruit the best scientists, technicians and support staff, and instill in them the drive to conduct operational research that solves the entomological problems of stakeholders in US and international agriculture, industry, and government.

Dr. Linthicum's previous career accomplishments include had a long and decorated career with the US Army, with positions at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences, and US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases. In addition, he worked for the California Department of Health.

Dr. Linthicum is a member of the Entomological Society of America, American Mosquito Control Association, American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, and the Malaysian Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine. He is the recipient of a B.A. in Zoology, M.A. in Biology, and a Ph.D. in Biology, respectively, from UCLA.