

Gérard BRACHET ACADÉMIE DE L'AIR ET DE L'ESPACE - *President*

Born in October 1944, Lyon, France

Engineering degree from the *Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Aéronautique* (1967)

Master of Sciences in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the University of Washington (1968)

1970 to 1982: various positions at *Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES), the French Space Agency*

Chairman of the European Space Agency's Programme Board for Earth observation from 1979 to 1981

1982 to 1994: Chairman and Chief executive officer of SPOT IMAGE, the company set up by CNES to develop the market for remote sensing imagery from the SPOT series of satellites.

1995, back at CNES as Director for programmes, planning and industrial policy, then Director General of CNES from 1997 to 2002

Chairman of the international "Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS)" in 1997

From 2003 onwards, consultant on space policy issues and space applications, advising industry and government institutions, in particular the European Commission and the European Space Agency. Research associate at *Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS)*.

From June 2006 to June 2008, chairman of the United Nations Committee for the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN COPUOS)

President of the Air and Space Academy (*Académie de l'Air et de l'Espace*)

Vice President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and chairman of its Committee on Liaison with International Organizations and Developing Nations (CLIODN)

Member of the International Academy of Astronautics

Awards:

1985: "1985 Laurels" of Aviation Week and Space Technology

1992: Brock Gold Medal Award of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

1994: Gold Medal of the British Remote Sensing Society

2007: "Social Sciences Award" of the International Academy of Astronautics.

Officier de l'Ordre National du Mérite

Officier de la Légion d'Honneur