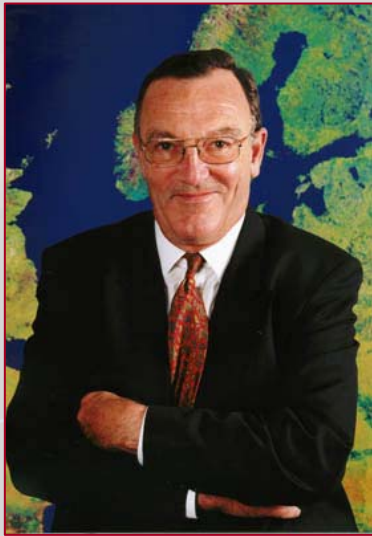


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Jörg Feustel-Büechl (Germany)



Jörg Feustel-Büechl was appointed head of the newly established Directorate of Reforms (D/REF) in September 2005.

After completing his studies in mechanical engineering from the Technical University, Munich, in 1967, Jörg Feustel-Büechl went to work for the MAN Group in Germany where he stayed for 19 years. Within the group he held leading positions in advanced technology activities and acquired extensive industrial and management experience in leading-edge technological fields, principally space transportation, aeronautics and new energy systems.

During his time at MAN, Jörg Feustel-Büechl made essential contributions to the development and production of the Ariane launcher system and supported the foundation of Arianespace, of which he was a board member. His final post at MAN, before leaving to join ESA, was Senior Vice President of the group.

Jörg Feustel-Büechl joined ESA in 1986 as Director of Space Transportation Systems, a position he held until March 1994. During this time he was responsible for the Ariane programmes and for ESA activities concerning human spaceflight.

In April 1994 he was appointed Director of what was known at the time as the Directorate for Manned Space and Microgravity. This entailed responsibility for all ESA activities relating to European astronauts, the International Space Station (ISS), and microgravity research and application programmes. Jörg Feustel-Büechl left this post in October 2004 to move to ESA headquarters in Paris to assist the Director General.

As the head of the new Directorate for Reforms, Jörg Feustel-Büechl will support the Director General in introducing inter-directorate changes to reinforce the role and efficiency of the Agency.