

## **SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY**

### **Denis Schmitt (France)**



After being a researcher in rocket propulsion combustion phenomena during 13 years in ONERA (France), I entered the Industrial Directorate of ARIANESPACE in 1986 as head of System Division in the frame of Ariane 2 and 3 productions.

Then, I drove Ariane 4 System during its whole exploitation phase, with the whole System responsibility: stage interfaces, S/C qualification to launcher environment, Mission Analysis and flight safety, performance and launcher adaptation to customers and competition.

In 1999, I was delegated to CNES to represent ARIANESPACE at the top of A5ECA development team, up to its first launch in December 2002.

Since then, I am Deputy Vice President for Future Program Preparation in ARIANESPACE, what gave me the

opportunity to negotiate with the Soyuz Russian team the overall organisation of the project Soyuz at CSG (French Guyana).

During my period in ARIANESPACE, I have been entrusted the technical responsibility of 14 Ariane launchers in Kourou, among which Ariane 2, Ariane 4 and all Ariane 5 configurations (G, G+, GS, ECA).