List of speakers and biographies

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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'Études 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
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), Paris.
From June 2006 to June 2008, chairman of the United Nations Committee for the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN COPUOS)
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1985: “1985 Laurels” of Aviation Week and Space Technology
1992: Brock Gold Medal Award of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
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2007: “Social Sciences Award” of the International Academy of Astronautics.
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For five years in the Council General Secretariat and later in the European External Action Services he worked on Space, Security and Defence issues. His duties included the operational direction of the EU Satellite Centre but he also contributed to the development on the security dimension to the European Space Policy and on the EU Space initiatives and programs, GMES Galiléo and Space Situational Awareness.

Prior to joining the Communities, he served as a Project Officer in the Capability Directorate of the European Defence Agency (EDA). He was in charge of Software Radio, SATCOMS and Space Capabilities. For two years, he created and chaired several expert groups with the member States, and initiated several cooperative projects.

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Simpson has taught courses in political science, international relations, business management, leadership and economics at Universities in both the United States and France and holds a post as Professor of Space Policy and International Law at ISU. He received his Bachelors Degree magna cum laude from Fordham University in 1970 where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He has also been elected to academic honor societies in the fields of political science and business management. He is a corresponding member of the International Academy of Astronautics.

After graduating from Fordham University, Simpson accepted a commission as an officer in the U.S. Navy, retiring from the Naval Reserve in 1993 with the rank of Commander. He completed his Ph.D. at Tufts University, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, holds the Master of Business Administration from Syracuse University; and two Master of Arts degrees from The Fletcher School. He has also
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He is the author of numerous scholarly papers, presentations, articles and book contributions and his practical experience includes service as a Political Military Action Officer, observer representative to the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and member of the Association of Space Explorers International Panel on Asteroid Threat Mitigation. He currently serves on the Commercial Spaceflight Safety Committee of the IAF, the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the World Space Week Association, and, in the United States, the Board of Governors of the National Space Society. He is a founding Trustee of Singularity University and an emeritus director of the Utica College Foundation.

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He graduated the Naval Academy, the National Telecommunication Engineer School of Paris, the Naval War College and the High Armament Studies Course (CHEAr).
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