Space Opportunities and Challenges –
A View from Poland, the Newest ESA Member State

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LIST OF SPEAKERS & BIOGRAPHIES

Gerard BRACHET is consultant in space policy, President of the Air and Space Academy (Académie de l'Air et de l'Espace) from 2009 to 2012, Member of the International Academy of Astronautics. He holds an Engineering degree from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Aéronautique (1967). Master of Sciences in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the University of Washington (1968). From 1970 to 1982 he got various positions at Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES), the French Space Agency. Brachet was Chairman of the European Space Agency's Programme Board for Earth observation from 1979 to 1981. From 1982 to 1994, he was 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. In 1995, he went back at CNES as Director for programmes, planning and industrial policy. He was Director General of CNES from 1997 to 2002 and Chairman of the international "Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS)" in 1997. From 2003 onwards, Brachet is a consultant on space policy issues and space applications, advising industry and government institutions, in particular the European Commission and the European Space Agency. He is 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). From 2012 onwards, expert from France in the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) set up by the Secretary General of the United Nations to develop “Transparency and Confidence Building Measures” in outer space.

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

Francesco EMMA graduated in Electronics Engineering from Politecnico of Turin in 1977. In 1994 he joined the European Space Agency after more than 15 years of working experience in industry. In the Agency he was first working in the technical directorate joining later on the Galileo Project with the role of Payload manager which he kept until January 2006. From January 2006 till mid 2007 Mr Emma has been working, under mandate of the Galileo Joint undertaking and the European Space Agency for the cooperation development in the context of the Galileo Project. Mr. F. Emma became Head of the ESA Education Office and Knowledge Management Office in September 2007 and Partnerships Development Coordinator in the Office for Member States Business development on the 1st of November 2011.

Beata PĘKSA is the Representative of Poland to the PSC, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the EU. She was born on 16th February 1966 in Warsaw (Poland). She holds a Master degree in Journalism and Political Science from the Warsaw University (1989). From 1988-1991 she received Various trainings in journalism. From 1991-1996 she was Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland at the National Security Bureau. From 1996-2002 she was Head of the NATO/WEU Division, Deputy Director of the Department of Security Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Minister-Counsellor. From 2002-2007 she was Deputy Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations in New York. From 2007-2008 she was Head of the European Security and Defense Policy Unit, MFA. Since January 16, 2008 she is the Representative of the Republic of Poland to the Political and Security Committee of the European Union.

Agata JÓŹWICKA is CEO/R&T Manager of Astri Polska - a Warsaw-based enterprise being a subsidiary of Astrium SAS and Space Research Centre (SRC) PAS. Prior to that, Jozwicka was the Industry Analyst at Frost&Sullivan for more than 2-years, focusing on emerging trends and technologies in various sectors covering aerospace& defence, automation, process control and others. Her main research experience lies in optical measurement systems, where she obtained her PhD at the Warsaw University of Technology in Poland. Altogether she has also more than 11 years of experience in R&D sector.

Jozwicka is a Member of several national and international groups and associations, including Management Board of Polish Space Industry Association, Photonics Society of Poland, Programme Committee of Innovation Forum 2013 in Rzeszow, IMGS TA6, Photonics Working Group of ESA and Organising Committee of the International Symposium on Reliability of Optoelectronics for Space (ISROS). She is also a candidate for the French Foreign Trade Advisors (CCE's) group in Poland.

Krzysztof LISEK was elected as a Member of the European Parliament on 7th June 2009. He was sworn in on 14th July 2009 and became a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET), in which he holds the position of Vice-chairman of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence. He also became a member of the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee and a substitute member of the Committee on Development. His parliamentary work include preparation of the Report containing recommendations on the EU-Georgia Association Agreement and the Report on the impact of the financial crisis on the defence sector in the EU Member States. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Lisek was a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Polish Parliament (Sejm). In 2007-2009, he was the Chairman of the above mentioned body as well as the Chairman of the Polish-American Parliamentary Group. He is a member of The Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa (AWEPA) and a member of the Programme Board of The Adam Mickiewicz Institute, whose main objective is to promote Polish culture. He is also a member of the Programme Board of the Baltic Sea Culture Centre and the Sponsor Board of the Civic Education Development Center (CREO). In 2005-2007, Mr. Lisek was a Polish representative in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. From 1997-2004, he was also a member of the National Council for European Integration under the auspices of the Prime Minister of Poland. At the beginning of the 90’s he established the Gdansk Foundation for European Integration. Moreover, he was one of the founders of the Euro+26 card in Poland. Since 1988 he worked in the underground organisations and then headed the Independent Student Association (1991-1993).
He graduated at International Relations Faculty of Academy of Law and Diplomacy in Gdynia. Krzysztof Lisek was born in 1967 in Gdansk.

Agnieszka ŁUKASZCZYK is the Brussels Office Director for Secure World Foundation and has seven years of professional experience in the international space policy arena at an executive level. Currently, Łukaszczyk is based in Brussels, Belgium where she is spearheading and actively facilitating international dialogue regarding space policy and space security matters. Her work involves working with the European institutions, NGOs, academia, space agencies and more. In addition Agnieszka Łukaszczyk works closely with the United Nations (UN) space activities covering the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and the UN General Assembly. From 2006 until 2009, Łukaszczyk has served as the Executive Officer for the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) in support of the UN Programme on Space Applications. In 2009 she was elected the SGAC Chairperson for two years. Currently she is serving on the advisory board of SGAC. In addition, during the period of September 2006 to June 2008, Agnieszka was a researcher at the European Space Policy Institute. Agnieszka is also the Vice President - Europe for World Space Week and sits on the board of the Women in Aerospace Europe.

Łukaszczyk holds a Bachelor’s of Science in Political Science, from the University of Tennessee and a Masters from the American University School of International Service in International Politics. She also studied at the Universite Catholique de Louvain in Brussels, Belgium; the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland and the World Trade Institute in Berne, Switzerland. She gained professional experience at the Political Section of the Polish Embassy in Washington DC, American Electronics Association in Brussels, European Department of the Polish Senate in Warsaw and the Warsaw Business Journal.

Otylia TRZASKALSKA-STROIŃSKA is Deputy Director of the Innovation and Industry Department, Head of Polish Delegation to ESA, before Director of the Department of Economic Regulations within the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Poland, responsible for regulatory management and reform in Poland. Prior to her work with regulatory reform, Ms. Trzaskalska-Stroinska worked for the Legal Department of Office of the Committee for European Integration, on approximation of Polish legislation with regulations of the European Union, and negotiation of accession the Republic of Poland to the EU. Ms. Trzaskalska-Stroinska also worked with the European Central Bank in Frankfurt on development of procedures for consultation of Polish legal acts concerning the banking sector, with the Central Bank. She also worked in the legal department of the Council of the European Union. Ms. Trzaskalska-Stroinska has also worked in the private legal sector and has published work on approximation of Polish legislation with EU law. Ms Trzaskalska-Stroinska is a graduate of Warsaw University Law School.

Marta ZIELIŃSKA-ŚLIWKA is Deputy Director of the Department of Foreign Policy Strategy at the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs where she is identifying long term priorities of Polish foreign policy, analysing current global and European trends, identifying challenges, threats and making recommendations for Polish foreign policy and coordinating research and policy-making activities in the Ministry. From January 2010- January 2011, Ms. Zielińska-Śliwka was Head of Climate Change at the Unit Department of Economic Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was working out Polish position on climate change negotiations (EU level, global level). She was the Polish representative in working groups focused on financial aspects of climate change (EGF, JWG Climate Change) and she was enhancing international cooperation on climate and energy issues (climate change platform in Visegrad Group, climate aid for developing countries, Major Economies Forum). From March 2008-December 2009 Ms. Zielińska-Śliwka was Counsellor of Minister, EU budget Unit at the Office of the Committee for the European Integration, Department of Analysis and Strategy. While from 2004-2008, she was Senior Expert, Agricultural Policy Analysis Unit, at the Foundation of Assistance Programmes for Agriculture.

Ms. Zielińska-Śliwka is currently studying Psychology at the University of Social Science and Humanities, Warsaw, Poland. She holds two masters: MSc of Rural Development and Resource Management, University of Newcastle, UK and Master of International Economic and Political Relations, Warsaw School of Economics.