

## René Oosterlinck



René Oosterlinck studied nuclear engineering at the “Institut Technique Supérieur de l'Etat pour les Industries Nucléaires” in Brussels (1966) with a final dissertation: Study of the Zeeman Effect under a pulsed magnetic field. He thereafter studied Civil Engineering at the Catholic University of Leuven (1969) with a final dissertation: Modulation of Laser beams. He thereafter studied law at the University of Utrecht and Leiden (1977) with a specialisation in International Private Law. During his study he presented a special study: Political ideology in Confucianism and a final dissertation: Forum non-conveniens. He also obtained a Certificate to teach political economy at secondary level.

- *He started his professional career as a teacher of Physics and Mathematics in Congo (ex-Zaire - 1969 - 1971).*
- *In 1971 he joined the International Patent Institute, The Hague.*
- *In 1979 he joined ESA as a patent engineer in the Intellectual Property Office in the European Space Agency. He thereafter held a number of Management positions.*
- *In 2000 he was appointed Head of the Navigation Department. In respectively 2004 and 2008 the ESA Council appointed him as ESA Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations and thereafter ESA Director of the Galileo Programme and Navigation-related Activities.*
- *He also headed the ESA Security Office and was Head of ESA Headquarters in Paris.*
  
- *He was a Faculty Member of the International Space University first located in Cambridge USA, (1989-1994) and since 1995 in Strasbourg, France and served as Chairman of the ISU Board of Trustees.*
- *He was a visiting lecturer at the International Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University, Canada. H*
- *He is a member of the International Institute of Space Law and of the International Academy of Astronautics.*
- *Since 2004 he is guest professor in Space Law at the University of Ghent.*
- *He is currently promoting the use of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) for scientific applications.*

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