

# About the speakers and participants

## Representing ESPI and APRSAF:



Jean-Jacques Tortora, Director of the European Space Policy Institute, Vienna, Austria

Since June 1, 2016 Jean-Jacques Tortora serves as the Director of the European Space Policy Institute. From 2007 to mid 2016 he was the Secretary General of ASD-Eurospace, which is the trade association of the European Space Industry. From 2004 to mid 2007, he was head of the French Space Agency (CNES) office in North America and the Attaché for Space and Aeronautics at the Embassy of France in Washington, D.C.

Previously he was Deputy Director for Strategy and Programs, responsible for the Industrial Strategy of CNES. From 1998 to 2000, Mr. Tortora was adviser to the French Ministry of Research for Industrial Policy Funds management. From 1996 to 1998, he was appointed by Arianespace in Evry, France. From 1990 to 1996, Mr. Tortora was based in Kourou, French Guiana, as Head of Arianespace Operations Quality Department. Mr. Tortora started his career in 1984 at the French military procurement agency, DGA, as a naval weapons integration and test engineer.



Mr. Akira KOSAKA, Executive Secretary, Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF)

Mr. KOSAKA has been involved mainly in the human space flight programs including the International Space Station (ISS) for more than 15 years out of his 29 years career at JAXA. He served as Deputy Director of JAXA Washington Office from 2000 to 2003, and he was assigned as the first Director of JAXA Moscow Office when it was established in 2011, and served 3 years through 2014 to explore the cooperative relations with Russian space organizations including ROSCOSMOS.

In April 2017, he was assigned as Manager of JAXA International Relations Division and took the responsibility of APRSAF Executive Secretary.

He studied the disarmament negotiations between the United States and the former Soviet Union during the Cold War period, and received a B.A. in International Political Science from WASEDA University in 1990. He lives in the suburbs of Tokyo with his wife, three children and a dog

## Participants from APRSAF countries:



**Mr. Michael Cook**, Senior Policy Officer in the Regulation and International Obligations Section of the Australian Space Agency.

Previously, Michael worked in the Science and Commercialization Policy Division in the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science where he had responsibility for science and innovation engagement with New Zealand, Japan, Latin America and APEC. In 2017, Michael was the Science Adviser to the then Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO.

Michael has worked for the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science since 2012. He has primarily worked in international science and innovation roles. He has also worked across a range of areas including entrepreneurship, the service economy, international higher education and vocational education, and civil space policy.



**Ms. Soojeong Park**, Deputy director, Space and Big Science Policy Division, Space, Nuclear & Big Science Policy Bureau, Office of R&D Policy, Ministry of Science and ICT, KOREA

Soojeong Park is deputy director of Space and Big Science Policy Division at the Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT) based in Gwacheon near Seoul. Ms. Park is in charge of International cooperation in the field of Space.

## Representatives from European countries:



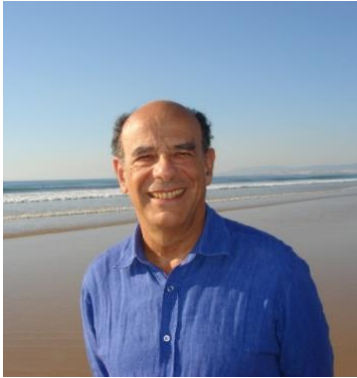
**Prof. Dr hab. Marek Banaszekiewicz**, Senior Expert and Former Director of the Polish Space Agency

After receiving his PhD in Theoretical Physics from Warsaw University and completing his habilitation in Astrophysics at Copernicus Astronomical Centre, Mr. Banaszekiewicz took on the role of Professor at the Space Research Centre – later becoming Deputy Director of Science and then Director. His research work has taken him to Sweden, Germany and France and he has taken on the role of Co-Investigator on space missions such as Ulysses, Cassini/Huygens, Rosetta, Herschel, ExoMars and Ariel. Furthermore, he has contributed his expertise as Member of the Polish Committee for Space Research, President of the Polish Astronautical Society, expert to Parliamentary Group on Space, Member of IAF (since 2015), Member of EURISY Council (2007 – 2012), as well as Polish Representative in GMES/Copernicus Committee (2010 – 2014). Since taking on the role as First President of the Polish Space Agency from 2014-2016, he has been employed at the Space Research Centre PAS and in Hertz Systems Ltd. in Zielona Góra as Director for International Relations and for Space Research and Technology Development.



**Dr. Bernhard Schmidt-Tedd** studied law in Cologne and Geneva and holds a doctorate of the University of Cologne.

He joined the German Aerospace Center (DLR) in 1987 and is currently Head of the Department UN-Affaires for DLR Space Administration. In this capacity he was involved in contract negotiations of different international space programs. Dr. Schmidt-Tedd is member of the German Delegation at UNCOPUOS and at present Chair of the Working Group of Status and Application of the five UN treaties. As an author of a number of articles, he lectures space law at the Institute of Space Systems at the University Stuttgart. With the Institute of Air and Space Law of the University of Cologne, he realized several legal space projects and mentors practice oriented doctoral theses. He is co-editor of the Cologne Commentary on Space Law (CoCoSL). Membership: IAA, IISL, ECSL and DGLR.



**Mr. Filipe Duarte Santos** is the President of the National Council for the Environment and Sustainable Development (CNADS).

He was recently nominated by the Ministry of the Environment coordinator of the Working-Group for the National (Portuguese) Strategy for the Coastal Zones (2014). Furthermore, he was Vice-President to the UN Commission on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, delegate to the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Mr. Santos holds a M.Sc. in Geophysics by the University of Lisbon and a Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics by the University of London. Presently he is a researcher in Geophysical Sciences and Global Change and Sustainable Development in the Department of Physics of the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon. He is since 1979 full professor of Physics, Geophysics and Environment at the University of Lisbon and the Director of the PhD program on Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policies, which involves the University of Lisbon and the New University of Lisbon.

## Representing Japan as the host country of APRSAF-26:



**Mr. Isamu Yamaguchi** is Director of Space Policy Division and Director of Cyber Security Policy Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan.

He delivered a speech at The 25th Session of APRSAF-25, concerning the importance of rule-making in outer space. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1997, after graduating from Hitotsubashi University. He received a Bachelor's degree in Economics. Before assuming his current post in August 2018, Mr. Yamaguchi served as Counselor of Japanese Embassy in South Africa (2016-2018).

He has experience as Principal Deputy Director to the Third Division of Intelligence and Analysis Service (2012-2013), Senior Deputy Director to the Second Southeast Asia Division (2010-2012) and Deputy Director, Policy Division in Economic Cooperation Bureau, Specialized Agency Division (2005-2008), Okinawa Development Bureau Cabinet Office (2008-2010). His overseas posts include Embassy of Japan in Austria (2013-2016), Embassy of Japan in South Africa (2016-2018) and Embassy of Japan in Germany (2000-2002).

## Organizers of the event:



**Marco Aliberti**, Senior Research Fellow at the European Space Policy Institute (ESPI)

Marco Aliberti works as Senior Research Fellow at the European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) in Vienna, Austria, where he has carried out and published a number of research projects in the areas of access to space and human spaceflight, governance and International Relations of space, and Asia's space programmes, particularly those of China, Japan and India. Prior to joining ESPI in October 2012, he held positions consistent with his academic background in East Asian Studies. Mr Aliberti graduated in Oriental Languages and Cultures at the University of Rome "La Sapienza", and obtained a MA in International Relations from the Italian Diplomatic Academy (SIOI) in Rome. He also completed a Master of Advanced Studies in Space Policy and Institutions with the Italian Space Agency, SIOI and the National Research Council; Security Studies at the Institute of Global Studies – School of Government in Rome; as well as International Asian Studies at the University of Naples "L'Orientale", with a specialisation in East Asian Relations.



**Ikuko KURIYAMA (Ph.D.)**, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Ikuko KURIYAMA is a senior administrator and an advisor to the Director at International Relations and Research Department of JAXA where she promotes international cooperation on global issues such as climate change and SDGs, space policy community building in Asia-pacific region, and collaboration with space agencies in Europe, and domestic and overseas research institutions.

She has experience and expertise in international cooperation, especially in the area of Earth observation. Recently she was a member of the expert team established by the National Space Policy Secretariat of Japanese government's Cabinet Office and worked for the national strategy review on remote sensing. From 2005 to 2007, she was in a Japanese ministry serving as an official liaison to the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) and an official delegate to the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC.

She holds Ph.D. in Public Policy from National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Japan, and LL.M., LL.B. from Keio University, and Master of Space Studies from International Space University.