

Christian Sallaberger – Short Biography (May 2015)

Dr Christian Sallaberger is President & CEO of Canadensys Aerospace Corporation, a Canadian space systems company working for both domestic government customers and international commercial ones. He also currently sits on the corporate board of Dauria Aerospace, a European space company with satellite manufacturing facilities in California and Moscow, and on the board of Space Services Holding Inc., a US corporation with several wholly-own subsidiary space companies, including Celestis and Odyssey Moon. Prior to assuming the leadership of Canadensys, he held the roles of Vice President and Director of Space Exploration at MDA. Prior to MDA, he worked for the Canadian Space Agency where he held a variety of positions including Manager of Strategic Development and Manager of Space Exploration. He has also worked for the European Space Agency in the Netherlands, and for IBM in Canada.

Dr Sallaberger is also Chairman of the Board of the International Space University which has its central campus in Strasbourg, France. He has taught Space Business and Management and Space Engineering elements in the ISU programs for many years and is a former chairman of the Academic Council of the university. He is also a graduate of the first ISU class, held at MIT in 1988.

Dr Sallaberger obtained degrees from the University of Waterloo in Canada, the University of California at Berkeley, and received his doctorate from the University of Toronto. He is currently Chairman of the International Space Exploration Committee, and member of the International Lunar Exploration Working Group. He was appointed a lifetime member of the International Academy of Astronautics in 2000.

He is an adjunct Professor of Aerospace Science and Engineering at the University of Toronto. He is also a director of the International Lunar Observatory Association as well as a trustee of the International Institute for Space Commerce.

He has represented the Government of Canada on the International Mars Exploration Working Group (IMEWG), and was a member of the Japan-Canada Space Panel. He currently sits on the boards of several corporations and charitable foundations. He speaks a number of languages, and is married with three children.

