

Bruno Sainjon - the new Chairman of ONERA



Bruno Sainjon, Director of DGA Operations, has been appointed by decree of the Council of Ministers, as the Chairman of the Board of Administrators of ONERA, as the next Chairman. He will assume his new duties on June 2, 2014.

Bruno Sainjon started his career in 1987 at French defense procurement agency DGA (*Direction Générale de l'Armement*). He held several positions in the missiles, space and nuclear sectors and worked at the DGA until 1996.

From 1996 to 2005, he worked in the services of the French prime minister, then with the French defense minister at the time, Alain Richard, in industry and for the national defense office. Mr. Sainjon was first head of economic affairs and coordination in the interministerial delegation for the 1998 Soccer World Cup (1996-1997), then economic, financial and budgetary advisor in the defense minister's cabinet (1998-2000). He was then named vice president for strategy and development, energetic materials, at SNPE (Société Nationale des Poudres et des Explosifs), as well as Chairman and CEO of Celerg and Celerg International (2000-2002), before moving to the national defense office as deputy director of sensitive technologies and transfers (2003-2005).

Named *ingénieur général de l'armement* on July 1, 2005, he moved back to the DGA at the end of the year as director of the nuclear and missile programs department. In early 2007, Bruno Sainjon was appointed deputy director of weapon systems and promoted to the rank of *ingénieur général hors classe de l'armement* ("chief scientist defense"), then named director of operations in October 2009. Since January 2009, he also represents the Minister of Defense on the supervisory board of OCCAR, the European Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation.

Born on January 25, 1961, Bruno Sainjon holds degrees from the *École Polytechnique* (1982) and *École nationale supérieure de techniques avancées* (1987) engineering schools.

Bruno Sainjon holds the rank of Knight in the French Legion of Honor and Officer in the National Order of Merit.

Thierry Michal, general technical director of ONERA, was acting Chairman and CEO from August 2013 until this appointment, following the death of Denis Maugars.

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