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**A Glance at**  
**Swiss Activities in Space Domain**

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## Swiss Space Association

- **For adventure, knowledge, Earth service, peace and well-being of mankind**
- **Established in 1951**
- **Member of IAF (incl. PAC) and SATW**
- **Cooperates with various society segments (research, education, industry, administration, general public, youth)**

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**association** Association Suisse d'Astronautique  
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## Schweizerische Raumfahrt-Vereinigung



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*Liebe Leserin, lieber Leser,*

*Wir freuen uns, dass Sie an der Schweizerischen Raumfahrt-Vereinigung Interesse zeigen und wir Ihnen unsere Broschüre vorstellen dürfen.*

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## In wenigen Worten

Die Schweizerische Raumfahrt-Vereinigung (SRV) hat zum Ziel, die aktive Beteiligung der Schweiz an der Erforschung des Weltraums und an seiner friedlichen Nutzung und des dauerhaften Wohlergehens für die Menschheit zu fördern.



Die Schweizerische Raumfahrt-Vereinigung (SRV) ist 1993 aus dem Zusammenschluss der vorhergehenden Organisationen (SWVT und SAFR) entstanden, deren Ursprung bis in das Jahr 1951 zurückgeht.

Auf höherer Ebene ist die SRV Mitglied der Internationalen Astronautischen Föderation (IAF), der weltweiten Hauptorganisation auf diesem Gebiet. Die SRV verfügt dort über ein besonderes Statut und gehört dem Expertenrat (Advisory Board) an.

Die SRV ist auch Mitglied der Schweizerischen Akademie der technischen Wissenschaften (SATW). Während der letzten Jahre hat sie von einer finanziellen Unterstützung dieser Institution profitieren können.

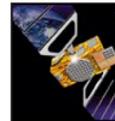
Konkret bietet die SRV seinen Mitgliedern und der Öffentlichkeit verschiedene Leistungen an. Sie arbeitet mit verschiedenen Kreisen der Schweizer Gesellschaft zusammen: Ausbildung, Forschung, Industrie, Administration, Jugend und breite Öffentlichkeit.

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Die Ausbildungs- und Informationstätigkeiten werden durch die enge Zusammenarbeit mit den Schulen geführt. Es handelt sich dabei um Sekundarschulen und Gymnasien. Die fortgeschrittensten Aktionen visieren die technischen Fachhochschulen, die beiden polytechnischen Hochschulen und Universitäten an. Ein Weiterbildungskurs in Raumfahrttechnologie wird jedes Jahr in der Schweiz organisiert und ist für jedermann offen. Die SRV-Mitglieder profitieren von sehr vorteilhaften Bedingungen. Die Schweizer Hochschulen sind in einem Netzwerk zusammengeschlossen und gewährleisten allen Mitgliedern schnelle und wirksame, aktuelle Informationen aus der Welt der Raumfahrt und den Möglichkeiten in der Schweiz (in Form von Projektstipendien, Praktikumsplätzen, Arbeitsplätzen in der Industrie, etc.).



Das Büro für Weltraumangelegenheiten (Swiss Space Office), welches insbesondere die Schweizer Delegation der ESA umfasst, ist auch im SRV-Vorstand vertreten und dient als Verbindung zur Europäischen Raumfahrtagentur ESA (Stipendien für Studien, Ratschläge in aller Art).



Das Angebot der SRV bildet eine interessante Ergänzung durch geschaffene Mittel der spezialisierten Berufsverbände besonders der Raumfahrtgruppe der Swissmem-Vereinigung.



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## Vorstand

### Ehrenpräsident :

**Claude Nicollier**

### Ehrenmitglieder :

**Fritz Casal**  
**Viktor Dolder**  
**Walter Fuchs**  
**Robert Thürg-Bienz**  
**Alfred Waldis**

### Vorstand :

**Andreas Amrein**, Oberkirch (Co-redakteur)  
**Ursula d'Aquino**, Zürich (Schulkoordination, Space Forum)  
**Maurice Borgeaud**, Lausanne (Space Center EPFL)  
**Ivo Cassani**, Bem (Redakteur und Webmaster)  
**Marianne Cogoli**, ETH Zürich (Vizepräsidentin,  
Koordination mit Universitäten, besonders der Deutschschweiz)  
**Jean-Daniel Dessimoz**, Hes-so / EIVD, Yverdon-les-Bains (Präsident)  
**Daniel Neuenschwander**, Swiss Space Office  
(Kontakte mit der ESA und der Administration)  
**Nicolas Produit**, Universität Genf / ISDC  
(Koordination mit den Universitäten, besonders der Westschweiz)  
**Jörg Sekler**, FH Solothurn (Weiterbildungskurse)



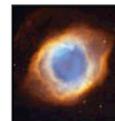
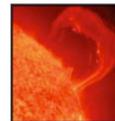
Nach Neuchâtel und Oensingen ist der Sitz der Vereinigung seit dem Jahr 2000 in Yverdon-les-Bains.

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## Zweck der SRV

Allgemein werden die Zielsetzungen des SRV in den Vereinigungsstatuten definiert und umfassen insbesondere die folgenden Punkte :

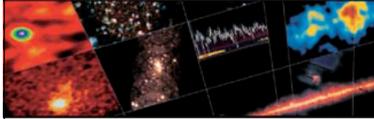
- Die SRV ermutigt die Entwicklung der Raumfahrttechniken und gewährt ihre Unterstützung, um jede Initiative in diesem Sinn zu koordinieren. Sie trägt zur Verbreitung des Wissens bei, um die Raumfahrtwissenschaften und -techniken populär zu machen und damit durch breite Schichten der Bevölkerung unterstützt zu werden.
- In der Fortsetzung seiner Ziele beachtet die SRV solche Aktivitäten, die durch die anderen bestehenden Organisationen durchgeführt wurden, um Doppelspurigkeiten zu vermeiden.



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## Ausbildung / Kurse

Die SRV führt jährliche Einführungskurse, Seminarkurse und Ringvorlesungen über Raumfahrt und Raumfahrttechnik durch. Die Kurse finden jeweils an Fachhochschulen, Volkshochschulen und Mittelschulen statt. Alle Kurse sind der Öffentlichkeit zugänglich.



Die Programme sind wie folgt gegliedert:

### Grundkurse:

- Bemannte und Unbemannte Raumfahrt
- Geschichte und Entwicklung
- Trägersysteme
- Startplätze und Orbitwahl
- Bodenstationen
- Satellitenprojekte
- Bemannte Raumfahrt
- Zukünftige Raumfahrtprojekte

### Raumfahrt aktuell – Ringvorlesungen / Seminarreihen:

Auszug Kursprogramm im SS 2003 an der Hochschule für Technik und Architektur, Bern (Prof. J. Sekler)

- Begann das Leben im Weltraum?
- Mars Exploration Missions
- Antriebssysteme für Raketen und Sonden
- Outer Space and the Law
- Schweizer Industriebeiträge in der Raumfahrt
- Missionen zur Sonnenforschung im All
- Erdbeobachtung aus dem Weltraum
- Swiss Motors on Mars
- Globale Satelliten-Kommunikation
- Zukunftsansichten in der Raumfahrt

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## Forschung

Viele Forschungsgruppen (ca. 50) an Schweizer Hochschulen und Fachhochschulen sind vorwiegend im Rahmen der Programme der Europäischen Weltraumorganisation ESA aktiv und auf verschiedenen Gebieten der Weltraumforschung tätig. Viele dieser Forscher leisten einen wesentlichen Beitrag zum Verständnis des Weltalls oder zur Wirkung der Weltraumbedingungen (Schwerelosigkeit, kosmische Strahlung) auf lebende Organismen.

Einige der Gruppen oder Institute spielen weltweit eine führende Rolle. Dies sind u. a.:

- Die Universität Bern ist seit mehr als 30 Jahren massgeblich an verschiedenen wichtigen wissenschaftlichen Experimenten beteiligt, so unter der Leitung von Prof. Johannes Geiss 1969 am ersten Experiment auf dem Mond (Sonnenwindsegel), später unter Prof. Hans Balsiger beim Treffen der Weltraumsonde Giotto mit dem Kometen Halley, und nun bei der spektakulären Mission Rosetta mit Instrumentenexperiment Rosina, die im März 2004 mit Ariane gestartet ist und nach einer 10-jährigen Odyssee durch das Weltall den Kometen Churyumov-Gerasimenko untersuchen wird.
- Die Gruppe Weltraumbiologie der ETH Zürich unter Dr. Augusto Cogoli hat seit 1983 ca. 30 Experimente auf 9 verschiedenen Flügen des Space Shuttles, auf 6 Höhenforschungsraketen und auf der russischen Station Mir durchgeführt. Dabei wurde vor allem der Einfluss der Schwerelosigkeit auf weisse Blutkörperchen untersucht. Ausserdem hat die Gruppe in Zusammenarbeit mit der Schweizer Industrie und der Universität Neuchâtel (Prof. Nico De Rooij, IMT) einen kleinen Bioreaktor entwickelt, der drei Mal erfolgreich mit Hefezellen auf dem Space Shuttle geflogen ist.
- Neben den etablierten Teams haben verschiedene Studentengruppen an ESA-Programmen teilgenommen und ihre eigenen Experimente durchgeführt.



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## Industrie

Die Schweiz ist gut vorbereitet, eigenständige Beiträge im Raumfahrtbereich durch ihre traditionellen Kompetenzen in industriellen Qualitätsanwendungen insbesondere in den Bereichen der Präzision und Mikro-Technik zu leisten. Einige Beispiele: Zeitmessungen, Laserpulsung, rotierende elektrische Kontakte, Kraft- und Vibrationsdetektoren. Seit kurzem sind in den Bereichen der Biomedizin und den Humanwissenschaften neue Aufgaben erschienen (wie zum Beispiel: Mikro-Bioreaktoren).

Die Mehrzahl der aktiven Schweizer Unternehmen im Raumfahrtbereich ist mit einer spezialisierten Gruppe der Schweizer Maschinen-Vereinigung verbunden ([www.swissmem.ch/ssig](http://www.swissmem.ch/ssig)). Sie leisten breite und vernetzte Beiträge zu den Raumfahrttechniken: strukturelle Elemente, Elektronik, Empfänger, Software, Optik, Mechanik und Instrumente. Sie arbeiten an Programmen von der Europäischen Raumfahrtagentur (ESA), Ariane-Space, oder bezüglich der internationalen Raumstation ISS.



Mitglieder der SWISSMEM-Gruppe für die Raumfahrttechniken (SSIG):

- AEO-Aerospace Engineering Office, Wangen
- APCO Technologies SA, Vevey
- Art of Technology AG, Zürich
- ASCOM Systec AG, Mägenwil
- CONDOR SA, Courfaivre
- CONTRAVES Space AG, Zürich
- CSEM Centre Suisse d'Electronique et de Microtechnique SA, Neuchâtel
- FISBA Optik AG, St. Gallen
- HITS AG, Wallisellen
- MECANEX SA, Nyon
- NEW AMBROSETTI TECHNOLOGIES SA, Manno
- RUAG Aerospace, Emmen
- SYDERAL SA, 2076 Gals
- VIBRO-METER SA, 1701 Frnbourg

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## Wichtige Organisationen - SSO

### Das Swiss Space Office (SSO) in Kürze

Die schweizerische Weltraumpolitik wird vom Bundesrat bestimmt. Innerhalb der Bundesverwaltung ist das Büro für Weltraumangelegenheiten (SSO) der Gruppe für Wissenschaft und Forschung mit der Vorbereitung, Planung und Umsetzung dieser Politik betraut. Das SSO trägt die Hauptverantwortung für die Teilnahme der Schweiz an den Programmen und Aktivitäten der Europäischen Weltraumorganisation (ESA) und vertritt die Schweiz im ESA-Rat und in den Komitees. Die ESA umfasst 15 Mitgliedsstaaten und verfügt über ein Jahresbudget von 4.2 Mia. Franken. Der Hauptsitz befindet sich in Paris. Die Koordination der Raumfahrtinteressen und -tätigkeiten der sieben Departements wird durch den unter dem Vorsitz des SSO stehenden Interdepartementalen Koordinationsausschuss für Raumfahrtfragen (IKAR) sichergestellt. Die Bereiche Wissenschaft und Industrie werden durch die Eidg. Kommission für Weltraumfragen (CFAS) vertreten, die eine beratende Funktion ausübt.



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ESA - Fakten und Zahlen

Was ist die ESA?

Die Europäische Weltraumorganisation ist Europas Tor zum Welt- raum. Ihre Mission ist die Entwicklung von Europas Weltraumfähig- keiten und die Sicherstellung von Investitionen in die Raumfahrt, die den Bürgern Europas weiterhin Nutzen bringen.

Durch die Koordination der finanziellen und intellektuellen Res- sourcen ihrer Mitglieder kann die ESA Programme und Aktivitäten durchführen, die weit über die Möglichkeiten eines einzelnen euro- päischen Landes hinausgehen.

Was tut die ESA?

Die Aufgabe der ESA ist es, die europäische Raumfahrtplanung zu erarbeiten und umzusetzen. Die Projekte der Organisation sind dazu angelegt, mehr über unsere Erde, ihre unmittelbare Umge- bung, das Sonnensystem und das Weltall zu erfahren sowie sa- tellitengestützte Technologien zu entwickeln und die europäische Industrie zu fördern. Die ESA arbeitet ausserdem eng mit Weltraum- organisationen außerhalb Europas zusammen, damit die Ergeb- nisse der Raumfahrt der gesamten Menschheit zugute kommen.

Wer gehört zur ESA?

Die 15 Mitgliedstaaten der ESA sind Belgien, Dänemark, Deutsch- land, Finnland, Frankreich, Großbritannien, Irland, Italien, die Nie- derlande, Norwegen, Österreich, Portugal, Spanien, Schweden, Griechenland und die Schweiz. Kanada hat einen Sonderstatus und nimmt im Rahmen eines Kooperationsvertrages an einigen Projekten teil. Die Liste macht deutlich, dass nicht alle Mitgliedsän- der der Europäischen Union ESA-Mitglieder und umgekehrt nicht alle ESA-Mitgliedsstaaten Mitglieder der EU sind. Die ESA ist eine völlig unabhängige Organisation, sie unterhält jedoch enge Bezie- hungen zur EU, mit der sie eine gemeinsame Raumfahrtstrategie verfolgt.



International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

The IAF encourages the advancement of knowledge about space and the development and application of space assets for the bene- fit of humanity. It plays an important role in disseminating infor- mation, and in providing a significant world-wide network of experts in space development and utilization.

It was founded in 1951, the IAF is a non-governmental association, with members drawn from space agencies, institutes and space research centers, learned societies, professional associations, schools and universities, space manufacturers and services pro- viders and users, specialized law and consulting firms related to the purposes of the IAF, from all over the world. Today, the IAF has 162 members from 45 countries.

Since October 2003, the Constitution of the Federation has exten- ded voting rights to all IAF members. This change introduces the necessary adjustments of its Constitution to face the challenges of the new times, where industries and space agencies play an important role in the space sector, together with the traditional actors – the research institutes and learned societies.

Together with its associates, the International Academy of Astro- nautics and the International Institute of Space Law, the IAF orga- nizes an International Astronautical Congress held each year in a different country. Selected papers of the Congresses are published in Acta Astronautica.

The International Astronautical Federation also organizes Sympo- sium, Workshops and Events around the world. In close co-operation with the United Nations, it organises an annual Space Workshop for Developing Nations and seminars on space activities at mee- tings of the United Nations such as those at Unispace III in 1999.

Finally, the International Astronautical Federation together with the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) and the In- ternational Institute for Space Law, de- velops an annual survey of Highlights in Space for the United Nations.

www.iafastro.com



Ein grosses Anliegen der SRV ist es, die Jugend für den Bereich Raumfahrt zu interessieren und zu begeistern. Internationale und nationale Jugendprojekte werden ausgeschrieben, begleitet und unterstützt. Den Jugendlichen stehen eine SRV-Bibliothek und -Mediathek für Schüler- und Diplomarbeiten zur Verfügung. Auf jährlichen SRV-Veranstaltungen, wie z. B. das Space Forum, Kön- nen sich Jugendliche aller Altersgruppen durch Vorträge, Präsentationen und durch Exponate auf Ausstellungen aktiv beteiligen. Die SRV bietet den Jugendlichen eine breite Informationsplattform im Bereich Raumfahrt an. Mittels dieser Plattform ermöglichen wir in- teressierten Jugendlichen, Kontakte zu Raumfahrtorganisationen, Raumfahrtindustrie, Wissenschaftlichen Raumfahrtprojekten inter- national wie auch national zu knüpfen. Dank guten Beziehungen zu Schulen und Universitäten in der ganzen Schweiz wird dieses Angebot rege benutzt.

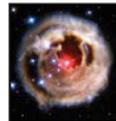


Diverse Jugendprojekte

- Red Rover goes to Mars [www.planetary.org](http://www.planetary.org)  
Aufsatz von Reto Trappitsch
- Eurisy [www.eurisy.asso.fr](http://www.eurisy.asso.fr)

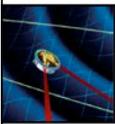
Aufgrund ihrer Hauptfunktion als Bindeglied zwischen der Raumfahrt und Interessierten aus allen Bereichen, liegt ein Hauptaugenmerk der SRV auf der Information. Sie ist bestrebt, Fakten zu vermitteln und von Ereignissen zu berichten. Eine interne Veröffentlichung (SRV-Newsletter) spiegelt die derzerti- gen Aktivitäten der Vereinigung wieder und informiert regelmäs- sig die Mitglieder über die wichtigsten Raumfahrtaktivitäten, die insbesondere in der Schweiz stattfinden.

Die SRV benutzt auch die heutigen, modernen Mittel, die die Medienlandschaft im 21. Jahrhundert zu bieten hat; in Form von technisch hochstehenden Informationsanlässen (Space Forum), aber auch auf elektronischem Wege (E-Mail, PDF-Bro- schüren) sowie mit der laufend aktualisierten Website.



## Veranstaltungen

Die SRV organisiert jährlich ein bis zwei öffentliche Informationsveranstaltungen über den gesamten Bereich der Raumfahrt. Diese Events werden gemeinsam mit verschiedenen Raumfahrtbehörden, der Wissenschaft und der Raumfahrtindustrie organisiert. An diesen jährlichen Veranstaltungen, z.B. das Space Forum und die Space Days, wird über bestehende und zukünftige Raumfahrtprojekte informiert. Bei den Veranstaltungen werden Vorträge und Präsentationen von namhaften Persönlichkeiten gehalten. Dazu gehören auch Diskussionsforen. Zusätzlich findet eine grosse Raumfahrt Ausstellung mit interessanten und aktuellen Exponaten aus allen Bereichen der Raumfahrt statt. Zu den Gästen zählen Astronauten und Kosmonauten, Vertreter der Raumfahrtindustrie und der Wissenschaft und für die SRV ein besonderes Anliegen, die Teilnahme der Jugend. Die Jugend hat die Möglichkeit, sich mit internationalen Jugendprojekten vorzustellen. Die Beteiligung der Schweiz an verschiedensten Raumfahrtprojekten wird bei diesen Veranstaltungen besonders hervorgehoben. Die Veranstaltungen sind der Öffentlichkeit frei zugänglich. Die SRV ermöglicht somit Raumfahrtinteressierten einen kontinuierlichen Informations- und Wissensaustausch.



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## Mitglieder

Die Mitglieder der SRV setzen sich aus den verschiedensten Bereichen des Lebens zusammen. Es sind Astronomen, Handwerker, Weltraumjournalisten, Schüler, anerkannte Wissenschaftler, Weltraumfans und mindestens ein Astronaut! Sie alle vereint das Interesse für Raumfahrttechnologie, und in der SRV finden sie den Ort, wo sie sich treffen können. Dort begegnen sie Verantwortlichen und direkt Beteiligten der Raumfahrtbranche und können sich über die Vorgänge sowie fachlichen Hintergründe informieren lassen, und dies in einer verständlichen Sprache, die den Weltraum ein wenig näher an die Erde heran bringt.



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## Claude Nicollier: Ein Schweizer in den Sternen

Von 1970 bis 1973 arbeitet Claude Nicollier als Wissenschaftler am astronomischen Institut der Universität Lausanne und am Genfer Observatorium. Danach tritt er in die zivile Flugschule in Zürich ein, um anschliessend für die Swissair die DC-9 zu pilotieren. Zwischenzeitlich nimmt er weiter an Forschungen des Genfer Observatoriums teil. Ende 1976 erhält er ein Stipendium der Europäischen Raumfahrtorganisation (ESA) für Raumwissenschaften in Noordwijk (Niederlande), wo er als Forscher an verschiedenen astronomischen Infrarot-Missionen arbeitet. 1978 wählt ihn die ESA in die erste Gruppe europäischer Astronauten. Im Rahmen eines Abkommens zwischen NASA und ESA kehrt er in den Kreis der Astronautenanwärter der NASA zurück, die im Mai 1980 als zukünftige Missionsspezialisten ausgewählt werden. 1988 besuchte er die Empire test pilots school von Boscombe Down (Grossbritannien), wo er im Dezember 1988 sein Testpilotenbrevet machte. Als Hauptmann der Schweizer Fliegertruppen flog er in seinen freien Zeiten in Bodenangriffs- und Luftunterstützungsübungen die Northrop F-5E und Hawker Hunter. Er verfügt bereits über eine Erfahrung von 5'000 Flugstunden, davon 3'500 mit Düsenflugzeugen. Obwohl Claude Nicollier an das Astronautenbüro von Houston (USA) abkommandiert ist, gehört er offiziell zum Astronautenzentrum der ESA in Köln (Deutschland).



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Als Missionsspezialist hat er am Flug des Space Shuttles Atlantis teilgenommen. Im Verlauf der Mission STS-46 (31.7. - 8.8.1992) wurde die wiederverwendbare Instrumentenplattform EUREKA der ESA ausgesetzt, ausserdem wurden die ersten Versuche mit dem Kabelsatelliten (TSS) durchgeführt.

Vom 2. - 13.12.1993 nahm er an der Mission STS-61 mit der Endeavour teil, im Rahmen der das Weltraumteleskop Hubble (NASA/ESA) eingefangen und repariert wurde. Im Januar 1995 wurde Claude Nicollier für seine dritte Mission STS-75 ausgewählt. Während dieser 15-tägigen Mission (22.2. - 9.3.1996) fand der zweite Test des Kabelsatelliten (TSS) statt. Das Kabel riss, nachdem

der Satellit eine Distanz von 19.7 km zum Raumschiff erreicht hatte. Die Wissenschaftler konnten ihr Forschungsprogramm soweit revidieren, dass aus dem freien Flug des Satelliten noch Nutzen gezogen werden konnte. Die Astronauten konzentrierten daraufhin ihre Aktivitäten auf die Experimente mit der Nutzlast USPM-3.

Im August 1998 begann Claude Nicollier mit den Vorbereitungen zu seinem vierten Weltraumflug, der Mission STS-103 im November 1999. Während dieser dritten Mission zur Wartung des Weltraumteleskops Hubble hat Nicollier zum ersten Mal die Raumfähre verlassen. Er installierte neue Systeme und Instrumente, um die Leistungsfähigkeit des Weltraumteleskops zu erhöhen. Nach vier Raumfahrtmissionen (1992: STS-46, 1993: STS-61, 1996: STS-75 und 1999: STS-103) kann Claude Nicollier auf über 1000 Stunden im Weltraum zurückblicken, darunter ein Weltraumspaziergang von 8 Stunden und 10 Minuten.

Seit dem Juli 1996 ist Claude Nicollier Chef der Abteilung Robotik für das Raumschiff und der Internationalen Raumstation im Astronautenbüro der NASA/JSC in Houston.

In 2003 wurde er zum Extraordinarius der EPF Lausanne gewählt, ab dem Sommersemester 2004 hält Prof. Nicollier dort eine Vorlesung zum Thema „Techniques et Opérations Spatiales“.



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## Relevant International Contexts

- WTO UNO IOC CERN ICRC IAF
- EU res. programs, ESA,
- International niches:
  - Novartis, Nestle, UBS, SwissRe, ABB, etc.
  - E.g. watch business turnover: 45% by 10/00
- Multicultural (Ge, Fr., It.; lunch in Paris?, München?, Milano?)
- 24% born abroad

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## ESA - The European Space Agency



### ESA

- 17 State members & Canada
- Based in Paris
- Yearly Budget ~ 4.6 Mrd SwissFR
- Switzerland is a Founding member

### Some other Space Organisations/Agencies



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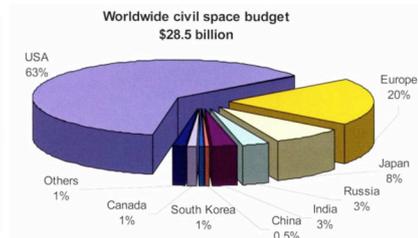
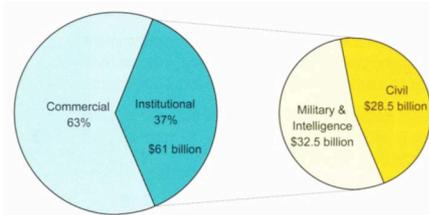
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## European Space Sector

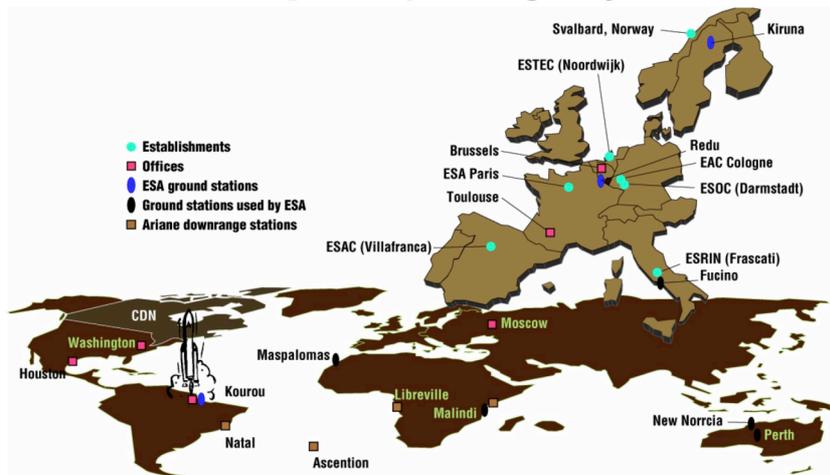
- 28 000 jobs (thereof 10 ESA astronauts)
- 250 000 jobs indirect
- 40% World Market (manufacturing, launching and servicing satellites)

## Space Sector Worldwide

- ~ 170 Billion USD/yr



## The European Space Agency ESA



## European Space Policy



- ◆ User needs
- ◆ Operational services
- ◆ Infrastructure
- ◆ Legal framework
- ◆ Technology and system development
- ◆ Space research
- ◆ Space launchers

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- ◆ Created in 1986 as Interstate Organisation
- ◆ Operates European weathersatellites
  - geostationary
  - on polar orbit
- ◆ Swiss as Founding member



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- Swiss Space (overview)
- Relevant international contexts
- Swiss specific aspects
- Conclusion

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## Swiss Specific Aspects - Overview

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- Immigration and international aspects
- Stability and trust - Re 500yrs of security service
- Organisation for space matters
- Universities
- Industries
- Time
- Fairings
- Biology

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## Swiss Specific Aspects - Organisation

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- Main agents
- Swiss Space Policy
  - Usefulness
  - Science
  - Niches
- Priority programs
  - GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security)
  - ExoMars
  - Technology missions (Alphasat, SmallGeo, Formation flying, IXV): Inter Satellite Link, Laser optical terminals, GSEM, Small satellittes, etc.)

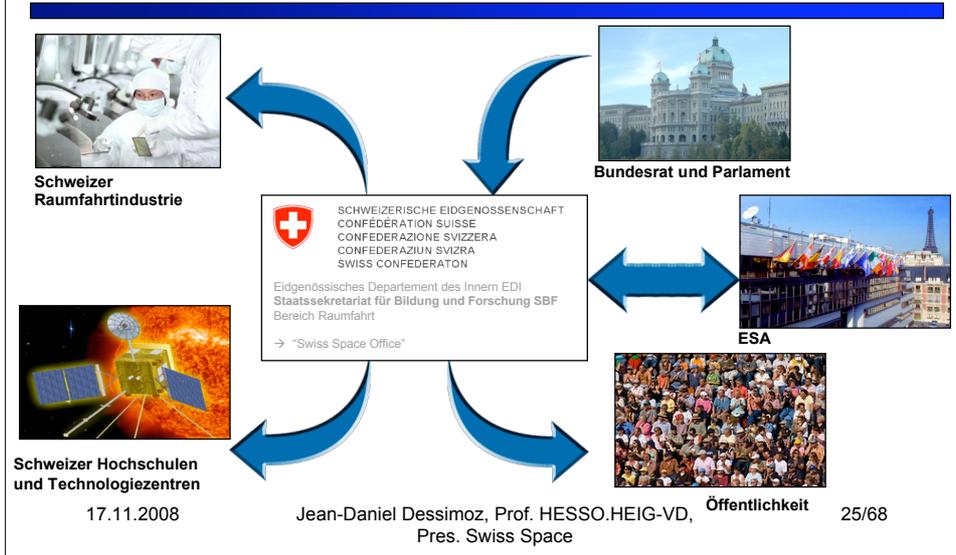


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## Swiss Specific Aspects - Organisation



## Financial Contributions and Returns



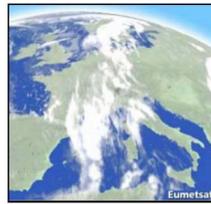


## Applications

Navigation



Meteorology



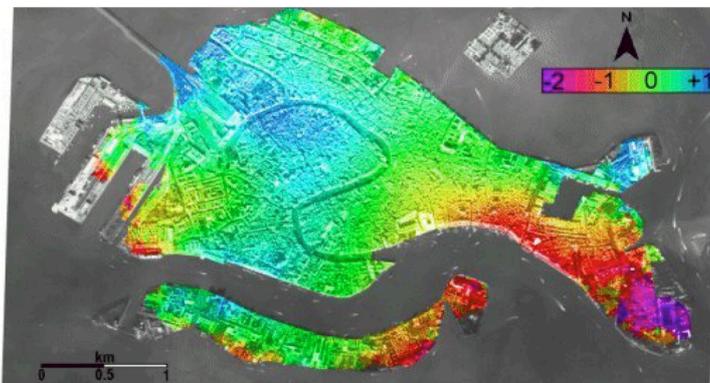
Telecommunication



Science



## Applications: e.g. Earth Observation



 **GAMMA REMOTE SENSING**

Land subsidence rate of Venice [mm/year]

## Swiss Specific Aspects - Universities

### Universities and Institutes of Science and Technology

Examples:

- Uni Bern (Basic science, e.g. Huygens, Cassini, ...)
- ETHZurich/UniZ (Rover for ExoMars, Earth observation),
- EPFLausanne (Space Center),
- Uni Geneva (exoplanets),
- Uni Neuchâtel (time),
- HESSO-West Switzerland (microtechnologies)
- Etc.

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## Swiss Specific Aspects - Universities

### Universities and Institutes of Science and Technology

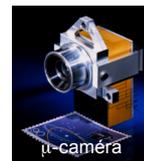


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## Swiss Specific Aspects - Industries



**Some Swiss Industrial Products for Space**

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Swiss Astronaut Claude Nicollier - Spacelab

Envisat - MERIS Observation West Africa, March 2002. ESA

Envisat - Environmental Earth Observation (ESA)

Earth observation satellite with MERIS - Medium Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (ESA)

ARIANE 5 Launch with Envisat on Feb. 23 2002 (Photo ESA)

Sub-orbital Temperature Trip recorded by EIT on SC-10 June 2001 (ESA/NASA)

ISS 2002 (Photo NASA)

ISS004 - 3044 (30 February 2002) - space walk of Daniel W. Burch (Photo NASA)

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Super Nova core 642, HUBBLE Space Telescope, NASA



**Foreword**  
from the chairman of the CPAS

Much is said about research and innovation these days, and their central role for our knowledge-based society as well as the importance of a fast transfer of ideas from accidents to marketable products. This is exactly what the Federal Education-Research-Innovation Bill 2004 - 2007 aims for. It provides the federal authorities with the political instrument to foster research and innovation in Switzerland, and it governs also our participation with the European Space Agency ESA.

Switzerland participates in the Agency's programmes with its scientific as well as with its industrial community. Of all the industrial endeavours in Switzerland, space stands out as one of the most fascinating fields, where scientific imagination meets technical feasibility to probe the unknown realms of space. ESA is the institutional environment for Switzerland to participate in these challenging endeavours; it successfully aggregates the skills of the European space sector to exploit space for the welfare of our citizens; space technology provides access to knowledge to everybody thanks to the global reach of telecommunication satellites. Space assets contribute to security thanks to their ability to observe the Earth in day and night time. Space research helps to answering some of mankind's oldest questions on the origins of life here and beyond our Earth.

While our space industry does not rank on the front line regarding size, it stands out when it comes to technological innovation and product quality. The five very core ingredients of successful space products. That is what makes the following pages so fascinating: they provide insight into an attractive industrial sector which regularly sends the tokens of Swiss quality into the depths of the solar system.

The present brochure is intended to foster the dialogue with the federal authorities and the general public at large. It helps the Swiss Space Office of the State Secretariat for Education and Research to fulfil its challenging task to draft and implement our national space policy of which universities and industry are the key partners.

*Peter Bärtschi*  
Peter Bärtschi  
State Councillor and Chairman of the Federal Commission for Space Affairs

The Swiss engagement in ESA guarantees attractive, challenging high tech engineering jobs in Switzerland.

**Introduction**

The word from the chairman of the SSIG



Switzerland and space: two subjects with seemingly no commonality!

This, however, is not quite true: a handful of Swiss companies are well-known in the world space market - often better than in Switzerland - thanks to their successful commitment to this challenging field where only the best is just good enough.

The Swiss Space Industries Group SSIG, under the roof of Swissmem association, provides the Swiss space companies with a common identity to act as the industrial partner for the federal authorities, for the academic community and for the public at large when it comes to space affairs. Its mission is to foster the Swiss industrial participation in all fields of space activities, be it to explore the universe, to observe our Earth or to render all the services of which our society is daily taking advantage.

The traditional Swiss attributes like dedication, innovation, and reliability are the indispensable ingredients for successful space missions. As seen from this perspective, the Swiss involvement in space is nothing else than a logical consequence. Indeed, Swiss scientific institutes as well as Swiss space companies have acquired internationally acknowledged positions in the international space community as contractors for the European Space Agency ESA or as partners in international consortia. Switzerland and space are indeed two subjects with a surprising wealth of commonalities!

It is with pleasure that we present our readers with a portrait of the Swiss space industry, and this edition of our brochure become a valuable bridge between all in the Swiss space sector!

*Umberto Somazzi*  
Umberto Somazzi  
Chairman Swiss Space Industries Group



The Swiss space industry generates significantly more sales than the ESA contribution paid by Switzerland.



**Company Activity**

ACUTRONIC is the leading supplier of motion test and simulation systems for the Aeronautic, Space, Defence and Automotive markets. We support our customer through comprehensive maintenance centres and subsidiaries located in Europe, the United States and Asia. Our dedicated technical staff satisfies customer requirements by providing reliable hardware and software along with unrivalled customer support and service. ACUTRONIC's extensive experience with mechanical structures in combination with the ACUTROL® AC13000 digital motion controller has established ACUTRONIC as today's preferred supplier of motion test and simulation systems.

ACUTRONIC offers a complete line of Inertia Guidance test systems (IGTS) for development, manufacturing, calibration and testing of inertial devices, components and assemblies. Test instruments have single or multiple degrees of freedom. Dynamic motion is enhanced with environmental simulation of temperature and pressure.

ACUTRONIC builds flight motion simulators for high fidelity Hardware-In-The-Loop (HWIL) simulations. HWIL-Instruments are optimized for minimum phase lag and amplitude distortion.

ACUTRONIC is ISO9001:2000 certified.

**Space Activities**

ACUTRONIC has delivered two- and three-axis simulators equipped with vacuum and temperature chambers to the major suppliers of the European, American and Asian space industries. The simulators are used for testing sun- and star tracker for satellite positioning purposes, as well as for inertial Motion Units for the leading commercial launch vehicles.



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SOHO/VIRGO Cover Mechanism



Challenger's STS-51L1, for which AEO developed a kinematic model to analyze major operational aspects of the Shuttle's payload bay during proximity operations. (Photo NASA)

**Company Profile**

AEO, located closely to Zurich, provides engineering consultancy in aeronautical and space, as well as other projects for more than 25 years. AEO covers a broad experience in an extremely wide field. AEO provides advanced FE analysis, space R & D, system engineering, mechatronic design, testing and software development. AEO is experienced in broad spectrum of hardware, especially advanced lightweight construction (space & vehicle structures, scientific experiments, mechanisms, etc.).



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**Activities**

- System Engineering & Mechatronics
- Computational & Mathematical Methods
- Mech. Engineering (Development & Analysis)
- Testing
- Software Development (technical & scientific)

**Some Space Contracts**

ESA: CTS Solar Array, Space Debris Software, Launcher Dev. SW, Advanced Design Verification, Design Sensitivity & Model Updating, Comprehensive Solar Array Analysis, Cover mechanism (BB & SM for SOHO/VIRGO), D & A for XMM-EDM Detector Box, NASA: RMS Kinematic Model, BAE: Large flexible solar array PILATUS, ARIANE Payload Fairing (Testing), PC-7 & PC-9 (Structural Analysis), DS/ESA: STACE (Launcher System Development Software), RUAG (SF Emmen): SPACE LAB FOD, CSAI: Structural Analysis of OTS, ARIANE Fairing, Inflatable Antenna Structure, ECS Yoke, ERS-1, DELTA Shroud, etc.

CTS Solar Array (Advanced Design Verification)





**Space Activities**

- Design, manufacture and testing of:
- Metallic Flight Structures
  - Scientific Instruments for S/C and mechanisms
  - Mechanic, Ground Support Equipment (MGE)
  - Electromechanical Test Equipment and special production machines, jigs and tools
- As well as:
- Mechanical, dynamic and thermal analysis
  - On-site technical assistance, operation, maintenance and repair of ground equipment
  - Database development for space applications
  - Maintenance and exploitation of the EPCU S5 facilities at the CSG in Kourou (FG)

**Company Profile**

APCO Technologies SA is an independent company, specialised in the design and manufacture of high quality mechanical and electromechanical equipment for the space, and nuclear industries. APCO Technologies SA is strongly project oriented and provides innovative and competitive solutions to customers specific requirements in full compliance with the Company's ISO 9001-version 2000 Quality Certification.

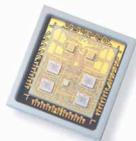


**Some Space References**

- Flight Hardware :**
- PROBA 2 Primary and secondary structures
  - HERSCHEL PLM Crystal Vacuum Vessel
  - SMART-1 S/C Primary and Second Structure
  - ISS CUPOLA Meteorite & Debris Protection
  - Reflection-Time-of-Flight (RTOF) Mass Spectrometer for the ROSETTA Mission
  - X-Ray Multi Mirror Mission (XMM) - Satellite Mirror Module Structures
  - HUYGENS Probe - Back Cover
  - ISO PLM Crystal Vacuum Vessel
- Mechanical Ground Support Equipment :**
- Full set of MGE for the HERSCHEL S/C, the PLANCK S/C, the XMM S/C, the INTEGRAL S/C, the Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV), the ROSETTA S/C.
  - High Precision Positioner for the MERIS instrument.
  - MGE for the ASAR and GOMOS instruments for ENVISAT
  - Full set of ARIANE 4, ARIANE 5 and ATLAS 5 Payload Faring MGE

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**Company Profile**

Since 1999 Art of Technology has been evolved to a widespread service provider of hardware and software development of embedded systems. Our flexible team allows short-time design and implementation cycles. The Art of Technology team holds both the theoretical and practical expertise to successfully solve extremely demanding tasks. It is Art of Technology's goal to provide its customers with easy access to up-to-date technologies. Services are tailored to the customer's specific needs - from single design steps to turn-key system development. The integrated development of hardware, sensors, software and algorithms allows us to optimize the collaboration of all system components.

the term High Density Packaging (HDP). These technologies permit drastically size and weight reductions of electronic systems and therefore also to develop devices that have not been possible with conventional technologies. Increased reliability, decreased power consumption and cost reduction at system level can also be advantages of HDP-solutions. Therefore these technologies are well suited for building space electronics.

Art of Technology is an independent company holding partnerships and alliances with major manufacturers in the electronics industry that allow us to handle projects of all sizes and complexities. Our development processes according to GAMP and our certification according to ISO-9001 and ISO13485 guarantee highest quality.

**Activities**

- Art of Technology main activities:
- Concept studies & packaging technology evaluation
  - Electronic system development & miniaturization
  - HW/SW co-design
  - Component procurement, layout & production preparation
  - Development of test infrastructure in HW & SW
  - Accompanying of production at partners



**Specialities and Space Activities**

A speciality of Art of Technology are the miniaturization technologies which are collated under



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**AR&T Profile**

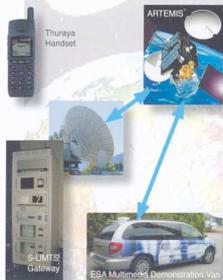
The Ascom Technology Group "Applicable Research & Technology (AR&T)" is working in the field of communications technology as well as in special niches of security solutions. The group has leading expertise in communications theory and system design, signal propagation and channel modelling, protocols and network design, RF and antenna design, and pattern recognition. This knowhow was built up over the last 15 years in numerous R&D projects in the fields of mobile radio, cordless telephony, military communications, satellite communications, navigation, wireless LAN and broadband powerline communications. The group has made substantial contributions to the development of various standards such as TETRA, GSM, UMTS, IMT-2000, and HIPERLAN.

**Resources**

To design, verify and realise advanced systems, AR&T has dedicated hardware and software engineers, simulation and development tools and facilities for fast prototyping based on state-of-the-art digital signal processing, VHDL/FPGA technology and protocol stack frameworks. AR&T is also involved in product industrialisation processes, standardisation, and project management. AR&T is ISO 9001 certified.

**Space Communications Activities**

Contracted by Hughes Network Systems, Ascom has developed and manufactured one of the world's smallest satellite phone handset (GMR Thuraya). As a key technology driver, AR&T has participated in several ESA and EC R&D programmes mainly in the field of third generation mobile satellite communications. The group has substantially contributed in the design and validation of the 3GPP W-CDMA based S-UMTS standard and in the demonstration of S-UMTS services and applications via the ARTEMIS LLM payload. Since 2001, AR&T has been contracted by Alcatel Alenia Space France in the field of Satellite Multimedia Broadcasting (SDMB) for the physical layer design and propagation issues. AR&T developed the channel emulator subsystem of the SDMB test platform. A replicated SDMB test platform is now going to be delivered to one of the world's largest mobile operators.



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**Company Profile**

Clemessy Switzerland AG is based in Basel with a subsidiary in Geneva. It has been successfully contributing to many space programs and offers a wide range of services and solutions.

**Company Activities**

Support & Expertise for Electrical & Software Engineering

- SYCOE - Electrical Ground Support Equipment**
- Solar Array Simulator
  - Battery Simulator & Conditioning
  - PCDU Simulator
  - Pyro Front End
  - MIL-STD-1553 Front End
  - Umbilical Interface / Launch Power
  - AIT Tools (Break Out & Failure Box, Harness & Automated Harness Tester)

**SYBENCH - Automated Test & Control Facilities**

- Control & Monitoring
- Data Acquisition
- Realtime Engine
- Simulation
- Online & Offline Data Processing
- Bus Management
- Test Preparation, Log & Archiving

**Maintenance & Operations**



- Programs**
- Manned flights and orbital infrastructures: Eurobot, Inflatable Habitat
  - Scientific: XMM, Integral, Mars Express, Rosetta
  - Earth observation & Meteorology: Metop, Gocce
  - Infrastructures: Large Space Simulator

- Customers**
- ALCATEL ALENIA SPACE
  - EADS ASTRUM
  - European Space Agency / ESTEC

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**Condor SA**



**Company Profile**  
A Swiss firm founded in 1893 in Courfaivre (Swiss Jura), in the middle of a traditionally industrial region.

**General Management**  
Managing Director  
M. SANER

**Space Activities**  
M. SANER  
B. BORER

**Structure and Activities**

- Aeronautics
- Aerospace
- Defense technology
- Machine tool elements
- Vehicles

We are particularly well equipped for welded assemblies or sub-assemblies, which are machined with precision. We are certified ISO 9001. Condor SA utilizes a three-dimensional measuring machine MMZ 122010 (1200x2000x1000) which is equipped with a Zeiss Umess program.

**Main Aviation and Space Contracts**

- Airbus 300/310 Crew seat elements
- Pilatus PC7/PC9 Nose landing gear
- Ariane 5 Engine supports



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**Contraves Space AG**

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PLANCK Telescope

**Company Activity**

Contraves Space is the world's leading manufacturer of payload fairings for space launch vehicles in composite technology. In addition, the company serves the international space market with the development and production of spacecraft structures, high precision mechanisms for satellites, scientific instruments for space applications, as well as optical intersatellite communication link systems.

Contraves Space AG has extensive know-how in the design, manufacturing and testing of large lightweight structures for space applications. Its competence is demonstrated by more than 35 spacecraft structures and over 170 payload fairings built for European and US customers. Contraves Space has, at its disposal a broad range of engineering capabilities for mechanical, optical, electronics and software design, development, production and testing of complex systems for space applications.

**Applied Technologies**

Composite Technology for Payload Fairings for Launch Vehicles and Spacecraft Structures. Cryo Technology for Subsystems and Instruments. Actuator Technology for High Precision



Payload Fairing Jettisoning from the rocket launch vehicle at an altitude of 400 km

Mechanisms, Ultra High Vacuum technology for Scientific Instruments and new generation lithography components. Electro-optic Technology for Scientific Instruments and Optical Communication. Increasingly, the technologies developed for space programs are applied for industrial applications.

**Actual Space Projects and References**

At present Contraves Space is involved in all major programs of the European Space Agency (ESA).

- Payload Fairings for the European ARIANE 5 and VEGA as well as for the American ATLAS V-500 Launchers
- Spacecraft Structures for ADM Aeolus, METOP, PLANCK, SMOS, and the European Automated Transfer Vehicle ATV
- Scientific Instruments for Atadiri Spectrometers on ADM Aeolus, and for BepiColombo Mission
- High Precision Mechanisms for Solar Array Drive Mechanisms-Low Power

The company furthermore develops Standard Radiation Environment Monitor (SREM) for space applications, as well as Standard Rack Systems in the frame of ESA's Automated Transfer Vehicle programme.

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**CSEM Swiss Center for Electronics and Microtechnology, Inc.**

**csem**



**Company Profile**  
CSEM (Swiss Center for Electronics and Microtechnology, Inc.) performs research and development work as well as small quantity production of components and systems for industry and government agencies. Space projects are carried out in the frame of an Aerospace programme.

**Applications and Competencies**

Applications for optical communication, earth observation instruments (ENVISAT MERIS, METOP IASI), scientific instruments (XMM), waferfront engineering, and hyperaccurate pointing mechanisms or active damping mechanisms are realised, the integration being performed in 100-class clean room.

Furthermore, new instruments and microsystems relying on the extensive use of micro and nanotechnologies are being developed. Other activities include optical active pixel sensors (APS) and physical microsensors, microrobotics, data communication software, mobile wireless communication, communication protocols and ambulatory telemetry systems.

CSEM's approach is based on concurrent engineering. Modelling and simulation of smart structures are performed with a comprehensive CAD environment. Environment for the development of low-power analog and digital boards is available for advanced circuits. Fast prototyping of control engineering is used in conjunction with precision positioning ground support equipment.

ISO 9001:2000 certification



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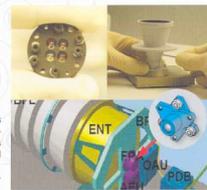
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**Made-to-Measure Solutions by FISBA**

FISBA OPTIK AG, established almost fifty years ago, has achieved a globally recognized top position in the manufacture of customized solutions for complex optical systems, assemblies and instruments. Customers benefit from decades of expertise gathered by FISBA's dedicated team of specialists. Combining this knowledge with creativity, innovative strength and dependability is paramount in finding cost-efficient solutions for high-tech optical applications fitted to FISBA's customer's specific needs. This applies to FISBA's areas of competence such as optical systems and assemblies, laser systems and metrology. Being able to provide outstanding solutions to extensive optical requirements, FISBA has also gained a reputation in the field of space optics, providing miniature camera lenses for the Rosetta Mission in 2014, the Venus monitoring camera in the Venus Express Mission, scheduled for 2006, or the optical components for the altimeter of the Bepi Colombo Mission in 2012.



**FISBA's Areas of Competence**

- Customer-specific optical design backed by in-house production and assembly
- Research and development of micro systems with special emphasis on micro-optics e.g. used for space-borne laser instruments
- Design and production of subassemblies for optical communication in space
- Development and production of hybrid optics with refractive and diffractive optical elements (ROE, DOE) used for high-power beam shaping
- Experience in developing optical systems, specific lenses and mirror optics for the entire spectral range including visible (VIS), infrared (IR) and ultraviolet (UV) upon customer request
- Development, design and manufacturing of highly integrated optical products such as interferometers or high power diode laser systems



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HTS AG



**Company Profile**

HTS AG is a high technology company based near Zurich with a subsidiary in Dresden. The company was founded in 1992 and has been very successfully contributing to the European aerospace market since then.

HTS' core activities are the development, manufacturing, integration and qualification of:

- Mechanisms
- Experiment Facilities and Testruments
- Electrical Systems
- Primary and Secondary Structures

Since November 2000 HTS is part of the RUAG Group.



**Experience**  
HTS has been demonstrating its know-how in many projects as prime and subcontractor. These include: LISA Pathfinder, James Webb Space Telescope, Rosetta, Herschel, the European Robotic Arm (ERA), the FOTON-M3 mission, the Material as well as the Fluid Science Laboratory for the ISS, APEX and many others. Our main clients in the space market are ESA, EADS Astrium, EADS SPACE Transportation and Alcatel Alenia Space.



This experience combined with the comprehensive arrangement of development and manufacturing facilities qualifies HTS as a systems house which is in the position to realise complex space projects containing mechanical, thermal, electrical and optical issues with challenging technical specifications.

**Infrastructure / Equipment**  
HTS uses state-of-the-art software tools for design, engineering and analysis such as Catia, I-DEAS, Unigraphics and Nastran.

The metal manufacturing facility is well-equipped for the production of highly precise components. HTS' composite shop consists of high-tech equipment for filament winding, handlamination and sample testing.

HTS has cleanrooms (100 and 100 000 class) for the assembly and integration of flight hardware. Thermal, electrical and mechanical testing can be carried out in the own test laboratory.

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MECANEX S.A.



**Company Profile**

MECANEX, established in 1959, subsidiary of RUAG Aerospace since 2000 offers engineering, design, manufacturing, integration, assembly and testing of space hardware such as:

- Slipping-brush assemblies
- High performance mechanisms and
- Micro-systems

MECANEX is certified to ISO 9001:2000 with extended knowledge of ECSS standards.



**Facilities**

MECANEX performs the complete development and production cycle for space hardware in-house, from the establishment of requirement specifications to qualification and acceptance testing. Capabilities include:

- **Project Management.**
- **Design and Engineering** are available (CAD/FEA).
- **Precision Machining Workshop (CAM).**
- **Resin Moulding Facility** (Thermal Chambers, Vacuum Chambers).
- **Assembly** (Laboratory or clean room environment, certified operators).
- **Test** (Functional, environmental).

**Main space activities**  
Slipping-brush assemblies for SADM (LEO and GEO satellites) and instruments, including long life low wear rate slipping-brush assemblies. Rotating contactless power and data transfer devices are part of the current development activities.

**Main space contracts**

**Telecom:** Slipping-brush assemblies on more than 100 satellites in orbit since 1996. Course Pointing Mechanism for SILEX (ARTEMIS/SPOT4)

**Space Station and Shuttle:** Slipping-brush assembly for the ISS CAM. Pulling mechanisms for furnace (AGHF, MSL). Slipping-brush assemblies for NIZEM, MEDEA, Bioractors (with IMT,ETHZ).

**Scientific Missions:** Slipping-brush assemblies for MicroWave Radiometer Instrument. Slipping-brush assemblies for SADM (SPOT, Envisat, ATV), Corner Cube Mechanism (IASIMETOP). **Inter-planetary missions:** Precision mechanisms for ACP, Cassini Huygens mission and ROSETTA DFMS.

**Micro-rovers:** SpaceCat and Nanokhod robot (with VHS and EPFL) ESA contract in collaboration with VHS and EPFL.



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Engineering and production of components for the aeronautical and space industry.

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**Certificate**

- ISO 9001 - 2000



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In the ARIANE and ATLAS projects we perform the following work on the fairing under contracts with Contraves Space:

- Definition of the aerodynamic loads
- Integration of upper & lower ogive as well as extension modules
- Instrumentation including development, fabrication and testing of equipment
- Electrostatic protection and bonding
- Umbilical-cable and separation-systems
- Venting development and integration
- Painting of assembled fairing



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The company activities are to design, develop and produce electronic hardware and software for space systems.

Since 1965 SYDERAL SA, previously known as Alcatel Space Switzerland and CIR, has been extensively involved in ESA programs and has established scientific, technological and industrial co-operation with space agencies and industries.

**On board Equipment**

- Data Handling Equipment for Satellite Platforms
- Platform computer
  - Remote Terminal
  - Thermal Control Unit
  - On-board Software

**Data Management Equipment for Satellite Payloads**

- Payload Processor
- Instrument Controller
- Mass Memory
- Payload Software



**Microgravity and Space Station**

- In Orbit Experiments
- Medical Instrumentation
- Data Management Systems
- On-board Software

**Ground Equipment**

- Unit Tester
- Satellite Test Equipment
- Ground Support Equipment
- Control Stations

**Main Space Contracts**

SYDERAL SA has obtained contracts for almost all large European space programs such as Spacelab, Eureka, Meteosat, ERS, Olympus, SkyNet 4, Ariane, Envisat, Syracuse 2 & 3, MIR station, Metop, various STS Shuttle missions, ERA, ATV, SARLUpe, GOCE, EXPRESS, AM, International Space Station-ISS, NASA-HRF, AECULS.

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Since 1997, TNT has developed several space-qualified clocks, as the Ultra Stable Oscillator (USO) based on a SC cut quartz, Rubidium Atomic Frequency Standard (RAFS) or Space Passive Hydrogen Maser (S-PHM). The RAFS was developed in the frame of the GALILEO Navigation Satellite.

Over the last two years, six RAFS Flight Models have been produced and delivered for integration at GALILEO payload level and fourteen USO Flight Models have been delivered for different space programs in Europe, USA and India.

In 2005, two S-PHM Physics Packages Flight Models were delivered for integration at instrument level and have been successfully qualified. One of them will fly early 2006 with the first GALILEO experimental satellite.

In addition, after year 2000, TNT has increased its involvement in space system definition by its participation in the early phases of several ESA projects both on ground and space segments. The TNT expertise and production capability in the "Time and Frequency" domain is unique in Europe.



TNT has been certified ISO 9001 for the Design, Production, Marketing and Sales of Time and Frequency Products.



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**Space Experience**  
Since 1987 Vibro-Meter has been actively involved in space projects, beginning with proximity probes for testing components of the first Vulcain engine. Today the range of space products has evolved to include sensors and systems for measuring displacement, relative and absolute vibration, rotational speed and dynamic pressure. Many are flight qualified for Ariane 5. Vibro-Meter products operate in the most harsh environments such as the liquid oxygen and hydrogen turbopumps, pyrotechnic devices, and the gas-generator and output nozzle - a temperature range from -253 to +780°C, pressure up to 390 bar and vibration up to 10,000g.

Vibro-Meter is qualifying the High Resolution Standard Proximity Sensor (HRSPS) for use in satellite mechanisms and monitoring systems. The development was funded by an ESA GSTP contract. Contracts for Flight Models for ISS applications have been awarded.

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Swiss Space Industries Group

Swiss Space Industry Capabilities



**Main Space Activities & Services**

- Research
- Engineering
- Software Development
- Manufacturing
- Testing
- Overhaul

**Major Subsystems & Products**

- Structures for S/C & Launchers
- MGSE
- EGSE
- Electric Motors & Actuators
- On-board Electronics
- On-board Software
- Scientific Instruments
- Earth Observation Sensors
- Optics
- Telecommunication
- Equipment & Pumps
- Electrical Systems
- Instrumentation
- Mechatronics
- Mechanical Components
- Data Processing
- Application Software

**Facilities**

- Manufacturing Plant
- Test Site

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## Swiss Specific Aspects - with ESA contracts



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- **Watches**
  - Re. Turnover at world level
  - For space people: USA(Omega-SMH), Russia (Fortis)
- **Galileo:**
  - **Extraordinary accuracy:**
    - **<1second error / 2.7 million years!**
  - [http://a1862.g.akamai.net/7/1862/14448/v1/esa.download.akamai.com/13452/podcast/Galileo\\_POD\\_04-06-08.mp4](http://a1862.g.akamai.net/7/1862/14448/v1/esa.download.akamai.com/13452/podcast/Galileo_POD_04-06-08.mp4)
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### Galileo, time and space

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With the recent launch of the GIOVE-B satellite, Europe is today demonstrating its mastery of broadcasting time signals with unprecedented accuracy.

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The Galileo constellation will be the world's most reliable global navigation system. The technologies that have been developed to achieve such precision will also provide data for use in many other fields, such as oceanography and meteorology.

The Galileo system will also open new horizons in fundamental sciences. The extremely small differences in timekeeping between the satellite clocks moving in orbit and their earth-bound counterparts will lead scientists to a re-evaluation of the nature and influence of gravity in the Universe.



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### The Space Review

essays and commentary about the final frontier



The more precise timekeeping system planned for Galileo could prove to be a major competitive advantage for the system over GPS. (credit: ESA)

### EU-US chronowar

by Taylor Dinerman  
Monday, January 16, 2006

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The Europeans, who are building their program from scratch, understood, and intend to exploit, the promise of hydrogen masers. They are going to be launching an experimental one on their Giove-B satellite later this year. Their system is partly based on technology they obtained from Russia, which has long experience with masers. Made by a cooperative venture between Italy's Galileo Avionica, which provides the electronics, and the Neuchatel Observatory and the company Temex Neuchatel Time, based in Switzerland's traditional watch-making region, who are building the core. They hope to succeed in building and space-qualifying a passive hydrogen maser that will weigh less than 15 kilograms.

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- Navigation Bar:** Products, Solutions, Tech Support, Design Help, 中文, About Us, Contact Us
- Search:** Search  Go!
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- Product Categories (highlighted in a red box):**
  - Telecommunications
  - Defense
  - Navigation
  - Broadcasting
  - Instrument
  - Space
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## Swiss Specific Aspects - Fairings

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- **Fairings**
  - **Oerlikon: since 1979- (« 30 years of op. EU, USA, ... »**
  - **100% reliability**
- **Fairings and other structural elements**

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### Payload fairings



Satellites are carried into space by launch vehicles. The payload is fastened at the top of the launcher under the payload fairing, which shelters the satellites before and during the start and on their flight through the atmosphere from thermal, aerodynamic and acoustic effects, and provides the launcher with an aerodynamically optimised shape. The payload fairing is jettisoned as soon as the launcher has left the atmosphere at a height of about 120 km.

The first payload fairing designed by Oerlikon Space was for the European Ariane 1 launcher, which made its successful debut on 24 December 1979. More than 160 payload fairings aboard European and US-American launch vehicles have been

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### Design

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Since their introduction in 1979 the payload fairings from Oerlikon Space have become a world benchmark in the market thanks to their unrivalled 100% reliability. Many different types of launchers have been equipped with Oerlikon Space payload fairings. Permanent product and production process improvement efforts as well as co-operative partnership agreements with the international customers constitute the basis for this outstanding success. Oerlikon Space has designed and manufactured payload fairings for the whole range of small to heavy launch vehicles:

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## Fairings and Swiss Specific Aspects - ATV components



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## Fairings and Swiss Specific Aspects - ATV components



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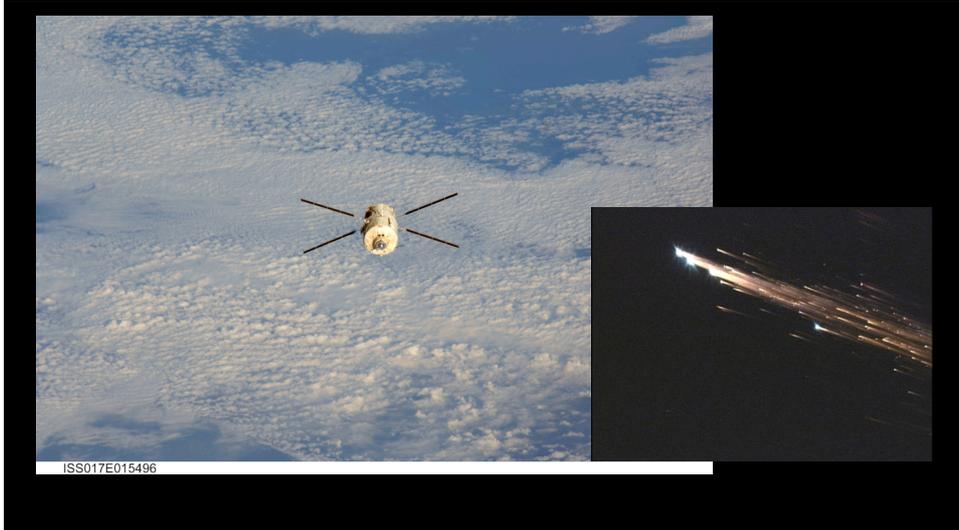
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## Fairings and Swiss Specific Aspects - ATV components



## Swiss Specific Aspects - Biology

- **Biocompanies and Pharmaceuticals are strong in Switzerland (Novartis, Clariant, Roche, Syngenta and Ciba, previously also known as Ciba, Geigy, Sandoz et Hoffmann-La Roche; and others); microtechnologies as well**
- **Many biology missions from Zurich**
- **BioTeSC - Support center for biology related experiments on ISS**
- **ExoMars and Life on Mars?**
- **Manned missions and Claude Nicollier**

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## Swiss Specific Aspects - Biology

**The 4.5-metre cylinder, which cost an estimated \$1 billion (SFr1.1 billion), houses five so-called racks, each roughly the size of a telephone booth. Each of these is in fact an autonomous laboratory, given over to research in a particular field.**

**The Biolab, which will handle biological experiments on Columbus, will be monitored in part by researchers from Zurich's Federal Institute of Technology.**

**These experiments will try to understand what role weightlessness plays at all levels of an organism, from the effects on a single cell up to those on humans.**

**The Biotesc team of the institute's space biology group is acting as the facility support centre for Biolab, as well as taking responsibility for the Swiss user support for ISS operations**

**The ISS is a joint project between the space agencies of the United States, Russia, Japan, Canada and Esa.**

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Biolab (artist's impression). Biolab is a facility designed to support biological experiments on micro-organisms, cells, tissue cultures, small plants and small invertebrates. The major objective of performing Life Sciences experiments in space is to identify the role that weightlessness plays at all levels of an organism, from the effects on a single cell up to a complex organism including humans. The Biolab facility will be launched inside the European Columbus laboratory.

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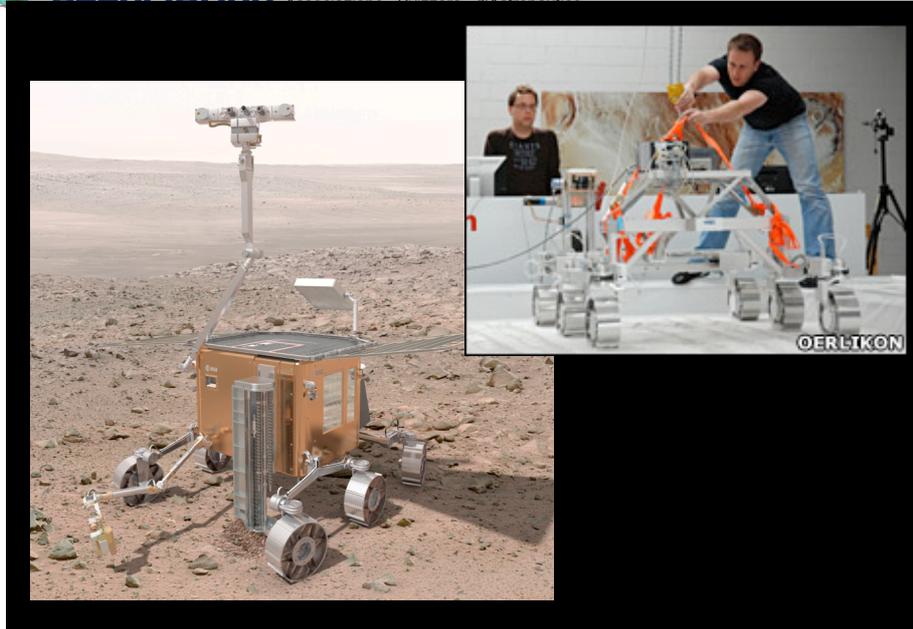
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**Columbus facilities**

- European Drawer Rack (EDR)
- European Physiology Modules (EPM)
- European Transport Carrier (ETC)
- Fluid Science Laboratory (FSL)
- Microgravity Science Glovebox (MSG)

**External payloads**

- European Technology Exposure Facility (EUTEF)
- SOLAR



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## Conclusion

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- **Swiss Space involves various society segments**  
(science, industry, education, administration, youth and general public)
- **Relevant international contexts (ESA, IAF, EU, UNO, WTO)**
- **Swiss specific aspects (international elements, niches, time, fairings, biology and biomedical applications/markets)**
- **China-Switzerland and the future?**
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  - **Nestlé and rice or tea derivatives for space??**
  - **Various initiatives are already underway**
  - **Enjoy your visit in CH and EU!**

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