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Born in 1951, Yves Caristan graduated from the Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS Ulm, 1971), and has a PhD in Geophysics (MIT, USA, 1981), and a PhD in Physics (University of Grenoble, 1984).

Dr Caristan has been appointed to the following positions:

1981: Engineer at the French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA).

1996 - 1999 : Head of the Department of Monitoring of the Environment (DASE) at CEA.

1999 - 2004: Director General of the French Geological Survey (Bureau de Recherche Géologiques et Minières, BRGM).

2005 – 2012: Director of the Physical Sciences Division (Direction des Sciences de la Matière, DSM) at CEA, and Director of the CEA/Saclay Research Center.

2012 to 2015 : Director for International Affaires at Université Paris-Saclay.

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Since 2013 he is a Fellow of the National Academy of Technology of France and Secretary General of Euro-CASE (the Network of Academies of Technologies in Europe).

He received the Lamb Award from the French Academy of Sciences in 1999 and the CEA Applied Science Award in 1998.

He is Knight of the Légion d'Honneur and Officer of the Ordre National du Mérite.