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Born in 1951, Yves Caristan graduated from the French *Ecole Normale Supérieure* of Paris in 1975, then got a PhD in Geophysics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT, USA) in 1981, and a French PhD in physics from the University of Grenoble (1984).

In 1981 he joined the French Atomic Energy Commission (*Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique, CEA*). In 1996 he became Head of the Department of Monitoring of the Environment (*Département Analyse, Surveillance, Environnement, DASE*).

From 1999 to 2004, Dr Caristan was Director General of the French Geological Survey (*Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières, BRGM*).

In 2005, he was appointed as Director of the Physical Sciences Division (*Direction des Sciences de la Matière, DSM*) at CEA, and Director of the Saclay Research Center.

From 1990 to 1999, Dr Caristan acted as scientific expert for the French delegation to the Conference of Disarmament in Geneva in the context of the "Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty" (signed in 1996).

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 *Ordre National du Mérite* and knight of the *Légion d'Honneur* (Legion of Honor).

Dr Caristan has been very active during his career in the field of Management of Science, especially since a few years, in the context of a changing national policy for science.