

Short CV

Eigil Friis-Christensen

Director of the Danish National Space Center (DNSC) in 1997. In 2007 the DNSC merged with the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) and is now named the National Space Institute at DTU.

Eigil Friis-Christensen completed his Ph.D. at the University of Copenhagen in 1971. As a Research Scientist at the Division of Geophysics at the Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI) he took part in the establishment of the Greenland Magnetometer Array of which he became the P.I. in 1976. He was Head of the Solar-Terrestrial Physics Division at DMI 1991-1997, and in 1992 he was appointed Project Scientist of the first Danish satellite, Oersted, a geomagnetic research satellite, which was launched in February 1999. He was adjunct Professor in Geophysics and Space Physics at the Niels Bohr Institute of the University of Copenhagen from 1996-2006. His research interests are in the fields of geomagnetism and solar-terrestrial physics.

In 1995 Eigil Friis-Christensen was elected member of the executive committee of the International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy, IAGA., and in 2007 he became President of IAGA. He has been a member of the International Steering Committee of the Solar-Terrestrial Energy Programme, STEP and S-RAMP, established by the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) and Scientific Committee on Solar- Terrestrial Physics (SCOSTEP). In 2002 he was appointed as Lead Investigator and chair of the Mission Advisory Group (MAG) for Swarm “The Earth’s Magnetic Field and Environment Explorers”, an ESA constellation mission of three satellites to be launched in 2010.

Eigil Friis-Christensen joined ESA’s Science Programme Committee, SPC, in 1998. He was member of ESA’s Earth Science Advisory Committee, ESAC, from 2003.to 2007.