

Michel WACHENHEIM's BIOGRAPHY

Born in 1951, Michel WACHENHEIM is a graduate of Ecole Polytechnique in Paris and of the French National Civil Aviation School in Toulouse (Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile - ENAC), where he obtained his private pilot license.

He starts his career in 1977 at the Air Traffic Services where he was in charge of technical matters, then is appointed as Deputy Director of Paris Airports Air Traffic Services in 1979, and head of the DGAC section in charge of different research about French airports development in 1983.

In 1986, he becomes Technical Director of the Air Transport Institute, an international association in the field of Air Transport.

In 1991, he is appointed as head of Transport branch (air, sea, rail, road) in the French development bank (Agence Française de développement) in charge of projects in Africa, Indian Ocean, South East Asia, Pacific and Caribbean regions.

En 1993, he comes back at the Direction générale de l'aviation civile (DGAC), where he manages economic studies and strategic forecast in Air Transport

In 1995, he becomes adviser at the Cabinet of State minister for Transports. He is tasked with such files as air transport liberalisation, third airport in Paris, or Air France rescue plan. Two years later, Michel WACHENHEIM is back in Aeroports de Paris as Cabinet Director by the President and the CEO, and then Director in charge of Strategic issues.

In July 2002, he is appointed as director general of civil aviation of France.

In June 2006, he has been elected president of European Civil Aviation Conference. He has been Vice-chairman of Eurocontrol, member of the boards of Air France, ADP, SAFRAN and SOGEP (shareholder of EADS).

In May 2007, he becomes director of the cabinet of M. Dominique Bussereau, State Minister for Transports, and from 1st September 2009 is Ambassador, representing France on the Council of ICAO.

Michel WACHENHEIM is married and has three children.