

Retired Major General (Belgian Air Force), Albert HUSNIAUX, (dr. h. c., M Sc Eng)



Retired Major General (Air Force) Albert Husniaux, born in Genk (Belgium) on 7 July 1957, is a Master of Science in Engineering (1980), specialized in mechanics, ballistics, aeronautics and astronautics and holds associate degrees in telecommunications (networks) (2018) and computer science (networks) (2019).

He has been the NATO Chief Scientist from 1 July 2012 to 1 October 2016, also chairing the Board of NATO's Science and Technology Organization, NATO's premier forum for Science and Technology co-operation among its Member Nations.

He served the Belgian Armed Forces in active duty from September 1975 to October 2016 and continues to serve them during his retirement.

Retired Major General Husniaux has both a scientific background (Physics and Science and Technology management) and a military officer's background. The common threads in his multidisciplinary career are aerospace, innovation, change management and science and technology. He is an experienced executive manager of science and technology, having served his Nation, in a national, European Union, and NATO context, and NATO. He is the last Director of NATO's Research and Technology Agency and the first Chief Scientist of NATO.

As a Belgian Air Force flag officer, he served the Belgian Armed Forces in a wide array of domains: integrated management and technical-logistic support of training, transport and combat aircraft, helicopters, weaponry, and rocket launchers (Ariane), education, strategic affairs and Human Resources.