# **Course instructors**

# Contact

# **Dr. Christian Barbier**

Head of the "Signal Processing" Laboratory at Centre Spatial de Liège (CSL), a research centre of the University of Liège, an ESA Centre of Excellence in space optics and a test facility offering thermal vacuum chambers of various sizes for space payloads and even complete satellites. CSL has over 50 years of experience in the design and testing of optical space instruments, space mission design, ground testing and space project management.

Dr. Barbier's "Signal Processing" Laboratory has over 25 years of experience in the field of processing of Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) images, including SAR data focusing, interferometry (InSAR), differential interferometry (DInSAR), polarimetry (PoISAR), and polarimetric interferometry (PoIInSAR).



More information about Dr. Christian Barbier

# Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Roeser

Professor for space systems and former Head of the Institute of Space Systems at the University of Stuttgart for many years. He has extensive experience in the field of space systems, remote sensing systems for earth observation as well as in the development and operation of small satellites.



More information about Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Roeser

# **Additional Information**

Information about dates, application and registration can be found at www.german-asa.de.



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# **CERTIFICATE COURSE**

Technologies for Earth Observation from Micro-Satellites



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# **Target Audience**

Professionals – engineers, operators and technical staff – operationally involved in Earth observation missions.

# **Course objectives**

The course aims to provide the necessary bases in remote sensing and space technology for Earth observation, required to perform in an operational environment. It is organized in a modular structure, with a pragmatic approach that puts emphasis on key points without entering into derivations that would be more relevant to a rigorous academic curriculum. Moreover, the seminars are delivered by experts that possess both academic and operational experiences in this domain.

# Benefits for the participant

The course offers the participant the opportunity to acquire, in time and programme-optimized conditions, the basics required to perform in the operational environment of an Earth observation mission.

#### Benefits for the company

The course saves the company some of the time and costs of a selforganized training. The experience of the instructors guarantees that the quality of the course fully meets the company's expectations in terms of training.

#### **Module 1:** Introduction to Launchers and Rocket Propulsion (1/4 day)

- Principles of reaction propulsion, thrust, specific impulse, Tsiolkovski equations, multi-stage rockets, launcher performances
- The rocket engine, the Laval nozzle, propergols
- Launcher systems, especially for μ-satellites

#### Module 2: Spaceflight Dynamics (1/2 day)

- Spacecraft Trajectories and Orbits: Classical mechanics laws, Keplerian motion, Non-keplerian perturbations, ground track, launch window
- Attitude control structures and mechanisms: magneto-couplers, nozzles, wheels, Spin stabilisation, 3-axes stabilization

# **Module 3:** The (µ)Satellite and its payload (1½ day)

- Electric power
- Thermal control
- Telecommunications
- On-board data handling
- Design of space payloads

#### **Module 4:** Ground-Based Systems (1/4 days)

- Mission control
  Data transmission and reception
- User segment
  Ground testing: thermal vacuum, mechanical and acoustic, electromagnetic

#### **Module 5:** Introduction to Space Project Management (1/4 day)

- Project phases
  Bases of project management
- Elements of PAQA

#### **Module 6:** Introduction to Space Environment (1/4 day)

- Earth gravitation field, thermal environment, geomagnetic field, atmosphere and ionosphere, solar wind, magnetosphere, cosmic rays, meteoroids and space debris
- Effects on spacecraft and components

# **Module 7:** Remote Sensing Principles, Techniques and Applications (2 day)

- Remote sensing principles, passive imaging sensors in VIS/NIR, active sensors in μW, passive sensors in μW, atmospheric sounders
- Image processing techniques: image as a 2D signal, geometrical characteristics, image processing
- Remote sensing applications

# **Knowledge Transfer Project**

Following to the course each participant works on a knowledge transfer project in his or her company to apply the theoretical knowledge gained in the seminars. The content of the project shall be an actual task from the daily work of the participant and one of the course instructors is a supervisor. The knowledge transfer project is documented in a short written report and to be sent to the instructors for evaluation.

# **Course Procedure**

The certificate course includes 5 days of seminars, in the training rooms of CSL. A one-hour written test will be administered via Internet a few weeks after the seminars. Seminars contain lecture, group and single exercises as well as case studies with high practical relevance.

#### Certificate

Upon successful completion and passing of the test, participants are awarded a certificate by the Steinbeis University Berlin. In addition, 5 internationally accepted ECTS credit points are awarded. Grading is based on the written test and the knowledge transfer project.

#### **Admission Requirements**

The course is open to participants with a Bachelor's degree in natural science, engineering or other related fields and at least 2 years of work experience.