



Counting down for you
and space science
exploration

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Science writer, aerospace
communication journalist
& space videos producer

Professional career - clients

Born : Fontainebleau
France, 4 August 1948
Nationality : British
Bilingual French-English

Education
- Lycée Français de Londres
(science 'A' levels)
- Philosophy and French
Sussex of University, Brighton

Left Britain in 1976 to
move to Toulouse, France

Married, two children

GREAT BRITAIN

BBC local and national radio (freelance 1970 - 1972)
London Broadcasting Company LBC (1972 - 1975)
Staff producer of the 'AM' early morning news sequence

FRANCE

SUD Radio, Toulouse (1976 - 1996)
Reporter, then Senior News Editor, specialising in technology and aerospace

LBC Radio London, and Independent Radio News, UK
Permanent correspondent in France (1976 - 1986)
Current affairs and general news

Arianespace launch commentator (1993 - 1999)
Some 20 missions: SPOT-3, ERS-2, ISO, Meteosat-7...

European Space Agency Launch video commentaries / moderator
(Ariane 501, 502, 503, Cassini-Huygens, STS-90 Neurolab, XMM-Newton).
ESA-TV producer/presenter for Mars Express arrival coverage and first science results videos (Dec.-
Jan. 2003-2004). Script writer for various ESA Television mission film reports. Senior television
producer and presenter for the arrival coverage of the Cassini-Huygens mission (2004-2005). Pro-
ducer/presenter for ESA coverage of NASA's Deep Impact mission (July 2005). Producer/presenter
for ESA coverage of Venus Express launch & mission (Nov. 2005 - April 2006). SMART-1 impact on
the Moon coverage (Sept. 2006). Rosetta mission coverage (2007-2008). Production support for
ATV video mission coverage (2008).

ESA & Eumetsat Producer/presenter for launch of MetOp-A (July-December 2006)

ESA, CNES and Arianespace Production contract for the 'Ariane 503' website

Space sector industrial companies

Consultant work (script/film documentary direction, brochures, translations, event moderation) for
Astrium, Alcatel Space, EADS...

Public meetings symposium moderator and TV presenter for various organisations (Airbus, Aerospatiale,
Bureau Veritas, CNAM, CNES, CCI Toulouse, Science Animation...) - Media training consultant for JND
Consultants Toulouse.

Press Regular contributor to English and French technical/business and popular magazines (Air et Cos-
mos, SpaceFlight, TeleSatellite, European Space Report, Spoutnik...)

Audiovisual Collaborator for ABAC Effect, Master Image, Icom (Toulouse) and SP Video (Amsterdam)

www.go-Ariane.com (1996 - 2005)

Animator of the personal web site devoted to Ariane launchers, Arianespace and European space
activities, notably in Toulouse and Kourou.

European Space Agency Science Communication Services (Noordwijk, NL)

Contracted 1998-2001, working alongside ESA project managers and project scientists and prin-
cipal investigators with web content and PR responsibilities for the XMM-Newton, SMART-1 and
INTEGRAL missions.

CNES French space agency

Contracted for press, Internet and launch communication for the JASON-1 mission (1999 - 2001).
On contract for video and web reports to CNES-tv and CNES.fr websites (1999-2003). Moderator
for CNES PR event for the launch of INTEGRAL (October 2002). Contract work for CNES Demeter mission
(October 2003). Jason-2 launch commentary (June 2008)

ESA-Television / Euronews (2004 - 2006)

Producer-editor for the fortnightly Euronews 'Space' magazine.

ESA-Television (2004 - 2010)

Video producer for a wide variety of space science and other missions (Herschel-Planck, Hubble, CryoSat-2,
Mars & Venus Express, Rosetta, XMM-Newton...)

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