

## **GIORGIO ZAPPA**

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### **Personal details**

Giorgio Zappa was born in Casatenovo, (Lecco, Italy) on February 5, 1945. He was awarded a law degree from La Sapienza University, Rome. He is married and has one daughter.

### **Professional experience**

In 1971, Mr. Zappa joined Terni Siderurgica (a steel company of the IRI Group), in the Personnel and Administration Division. In 1975, he was appointed Deputy Director of Personnel and Administration at FINMECCANICA. In 1983 he was promoted to Director in the same areas in ANSALDO, a specialist transport and thermo-electro-mechanics group.

In 1987, he returned to the steel industry, as Deputy General Manager of the FINSIDER group, where his responsibilities included all industrial operations, research and development, marketing and sales. Following the creation of ILVA in 1989, Mr. Zappa was confirmed in his role. In 1990, he was appointed General Manager for special steel sectors and mechanics (President of Terni Siderurgica and Cogne SpA).

In 1993, he returned to the FINMECCANICA Group as Chief Operating Officer of ALENIA, to head the then joint aeronautics, space and electronics division. Mr. Zappa was appointed CEO in February 1995, and then took on the same role in September 1996 at ALENIA AEROSPAZIO, Finmeccanica's newly-formed aeronautics and space divisions. When the two divisions were subsequently spun off as companies in September 1999, Giorgio Zappa became Executive Chairman of ALENIA SPAZIO, and subsequently Chairman and Chief Executive of ALENIA AERONAUTICA, Chairman of TELESPAZIO and Vice-Chairman of AERMACCHI.

On October 14, 2004, he was appointed Chief Operating Officer of FINMECCANICA.

On February 18, 2005, he was confirmed as Chairman of ALENIA AERONAUTICA, a Finmeccanica company and the lead company in the civil and military aviation sector. After participating in the establishment of the Italian-French joint venture Alcatel Alenia Space S.a.S. (now Thales Alenia Space) in the area of satellite production and services, the Europe's largest company in the sector, he became Chairman of the Board on July 1, 2005.

## Other activities

Giorgio Zappa is Vice-President of the Rome Industrialist and Enterprises Association and is a Board Member of the Turin Industrialist and Enterprises Association.

Mr. Zappa has many times headed Italian and international aerospace associations, including the Italian Association of Aerospace, Systems and Defense Industries (AIAD) and the European Association of Aerospace Industries (AECMA). He has been Chairman of AIAD since July 2004.

In 1999, he received the *Aviation Week's* "Aerospace Leader" award for his work in restructuring the Italian aerospace industry, and the following year, received the *Air Press* "Air 2000" award. He is also a member of the Editorial Committee of *Technology Review* magazine.

He is a Fellow Member of the Royal Aeronautics Society, and a member of the Science Committee of the Masters in Aviation Science at the University of Bologna 2 (Faculty of Aerospace Engineering). He became Professor of planning and control in the Business Economics Degree Faculty at LUMSA University, Rome, at the beginning of the academic year 2005-2006. He is also a member of the faculty in the Economics and Business Administration Degree Program at LUISS University in Rome where he teaches the "Joint Ventures and other Forms of International Collaboration" course.

Giorgio Zappa is also a member of the Management Committee of the DIPLOMATIA Club, and is a member of COTEC (Foundation for Technology Innovation), affiliated with the Spanish and Portuguese COTECs. He is one of the 100 members of FAI (Italian Environment Fund), and a member of the WWF, Médecins Sans Frontières and RAIDER (association for terminally-ill cancer patients). On 1 May 2005 he was awarded the Star of Labor Merit.

For his hard work in developing and promoting Italy's aerospace industry, on 4 February 2006 he received an honorary degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Pisa. In June 2006, he was rewarded with a prestigious Institutional Award: Cavaliere del Lavoro.

In 2007, on the invitation of Minister Emma Bonino, he became Italian President of the Italy-Japan Business Group, a body set up in 1989 on the joint initiative of ICE (the Italian Institute for International Trade) and Confindustria with the support of the respective international trade ministries (MCI and METI), to promote greater industrial cooperation between the two countries.

In the same year, he was appointed President of the Italy-Turkey Friendship Association.

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