



AERO-CLUB DE FRANCE

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

Application for Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

Applicant : AERO-CLUB DE FRANCE

Nominee : M. Claude LELAIE

CLAUDE LELAIE Senior Vice President Product Safety (until 2010)

Claude LELAIE has been appointed Senior Vice President Product Safety in October 2007. Prior to this, he was Senior Vice President of the Flight Division where he led Airbus flight test team in the development, certification and acceptance of all Airbus aircraft, including the A380.

Claude LELAIE began his career in 1963 as a private pilot before training as a military pilot a year later. He was recruited by the Centre d'Essais en Vol, the French flight test centre in Istres, Southern France, in 1970 as a flight test engineer responsible for military aircraft, and became head of the aircraft department six years later.

In 1981, M. LELAIE joined Microturbo as a test pilot in charge of development of a light twinjet aircraft prior to being employed as technical director at SOCATA in 1983 where he was responsible for the development of the TBM 700, a single turboprop aircraft. In 1988, having completed his training as an experimental test pilot at the Empire Test Pilot School at Boscombe Down, England, M. LELAIE joined Airbus' flight division from 1988 to 1994 as experimental test pilot in charge of certification.

During his career at Airbus M. LELAIE has been closely involved in the flight testing and development of new aircraft and performed the first flight of the A319, the A340-600 and the A380. Overall, he has accumulated more than 16,000 flight hours, including some 8,500 hours of flight tests.

M. LELAIE's aviation experience also extends to having led an aerobatic flight team, Les Porthos, who performed flighty displays in Europe and the US and teaching aerodynamics and spin testing at l'Ecole du Personnel Navigant d'Essais et de Réception (EPNER).

Born in Châteauroux, France in 1946, Claude LELAIE is a graduate of both l'Ecole Polytechnique and l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure de l'Aéronautique. He is married with two daughters and counts opera and music among his hobbies.

**Louis LE PORTZ
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