

People on the move

Satellite Evolution Asia reports on some of the latest appointments in the industry.



Visit to Glenn Research Centre by Administrator O'Keefe. Photo courtesy of NASA Glenn Research Centre.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe resigns

Administrator Sean O'Keefe, who over the past three years led the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) through an aggressive and comprehensive management transformation and helped the agency through one of its most painful tragedies, has resigned.

In his resignation letter to the President the Administrator wrote: "I will continue until you have named a successor and in the hope the Senate will act on your nomination by February.

"I have been honoured to serve this President, the Ameri-

can people and my talented colleagues here at NASA. Together, we have enjoyed unprecedented success and seen each other through arduous circumstances. This was the most difficult decision I have ever made, but it is one I felt was best for my family and our future."

O'Keefe, 48, is NASA's tenth administrator. Nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the US Senate, he was sworn into office on 21 December 2001. It was the Administrator's fourth Presidential appointment. ■

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Admiral Ellis appointed as advisor to the Inmarsat Board

Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr has been appointed by Inmarsat as an advisor to the Board. He will be advising Inmarsat's management on a range of issues relating to the company's work in the government and maritime sectors.

Ellis was formerly Commander of the United States Strategic Command, based in Nebraska, where he was responsible for the global command and control of US strategic forces and overseeing the deployment and modernisation of the satellite communication network of the Department of Defense (DoD). He was Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans, Policy and Operations from 1996 to 1998, prior to assignment as Commander-In-Chief of US Naval Forces in Europe, and Commander-In-Chief of Allied Forces in Southern Europe. ■



Scott Chase, new President of Mobile Satellite Users Association (MSUA)

Scott Chase, founder of full-service management consulting firm Chase Media, has taken over as President of the Mobile Satellite Users Association (MSUA). He succeeds long-time President Ahmad F. Ghais, who has retired. Chase continues to manage Chase Media as well as his alliance with the satellite in-

dustry public relations firm Longbottom Communications and his ongoing work in business-to-business publishing with GRID Media LLC. Previously, he was a Senior Executive at PBI Media LLC, Editor of *Via Satellite* magazine, as well as Publisher of several publications for the same group. ■

Orbimage names William Schuster as COO

Orbimage Inc. has announced that William 'Bill' Schuster has joined the company as Chief Operating Officer (COO). Schuster was most recently with BAE Systems, where he started a new operation as the President of Integrated Systems. He then led that organisation in the pursuit and ultimate prosecution of key 'system of systems' enterprise-level opportunities and the capture of an extremely significant transformational govern-

ment programme within the first two years.

Prior to BAE, he served at Harris Corporation as Vice President (VP) of Programmes within the Government Communications System Division and was Vice President (VP) of the Space Applications Operation at Loral Space and Range Systems. He began his professional career with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) where he spent nearly twenty-two years. ■