In memoriam Christophe Hermans

Editorial Board Team¹

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We are deeply saddened to hear about the sudden death of *Christophe Hermans* on 24 January 2021. He was a supportive and truly valued member of the Editorial Board of the CEAS Aeronautical Journal from the very beginning in 2010.

Christophe Hermans was Director of the German-Dutch Wind Tunnels DNW, and Chief Technology Advisor of the Royal Netherlands Aerospace Centre NLR.

He started his career at NLR in 1986, becoming department head in 2000. From 2004 until 2012, he was head of NLR's Helicopters & Aeroacoustics department and responsible for different flight test and evaluation services and procedures. In 2012, he joined the Management Team at DNW as Deputy Director.

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Christophe strongly fostered and supported international collaboration. He actively contributed to numerous aeronautical bodies such as NVvL, CEAS, ERF and ICAS, among others.

Between 2006 and 2016, he was Secretary of the Netherlands Association of Aeronautical Engineers NVvL, and since 2016, Christophe was President of the NVvL.

He was also a member of the Board of the Council of European Aerospace Societies CEAS since 2007 and up until now Chairman of the CEAS Aeronautical Branch. He was CEAS President for two consecutive years in 2017 and 2018.

Christophe always excelled with his fresh impetus, extensive expertise, mediation talent and friendly demeanour at meetings and panel discussions. He was highly dedicated to the aerospace community.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, we would like to send our sincere condolences to his family and his close colleagues. He will be greatly missed.

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