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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**DIRECTOR, INTERNET & JURISDICTION PROJECT, January 2012 to Present**

- Initiator and principal organizer of this global multi-stakeholder dialogue process. Dedicated to addressing the tension between the cross-border Internet and national jurisdictions, the I & J Project monitors legal cases through its Observatory (a network of international experts) and organizes private and public meetings of concerned stakeholders to identify possible pragmatic solutions.

**MEMBER, ICANN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, December 2010 to Present**

- Member of the Structural Improvements, Global Relationships and Governance (since 2012) Committees.

**THEMATIC AMBASSADOR AND SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE INFORMATION SOCIETY, FRENCH FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, September 2006 to December 2010**

- In charge of Internet Governance issues and all follow-up processes to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS): official representative in ICANN's Governmental Committee (and its Vice-President for two years), the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD)
- Coordinated and presented French positions in international organizations, including UNESCO, ITU, OECD or Council of Europe, as well as numerous conferences, workshops and seminars
- Organized or co-organized national, European and international multi-stakeholder consultations

**SECONDED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY, 2003 - 2006**

- Active participant in this two-part United Nations Summit (Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005) to promote interactions between governments, civil society and business actors
- Director of the participatory online platform WSIS-Online in 2004 and 2005

**SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE DIRECTOR OF INSTITUT FRANCAIS DES RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES, 2001-2002**

- Developed and led a research project on multi-stakeholder governance processes in preparation to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

**HEAD, MISSION FOR NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, 1998-2001**

- First Head of this new unit in the Directorate for International Cooperation, dealing in particular with digital divide issues, and member of the G8 Digital Opportunities Task Force (DOT Force)

**CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, VIRTOOLS, 1994-1998**

- Led this two-person start-up to become the principal development platform for interactive 3D videogames and digital mock-ups, later acquired by leading CAD company Dassault Systèmes
- Obtained early Fortune 500 reference accounts, defined strategic positioning and managed the initial round of venture capital financing

**DIRECTOR, CONSULTING DEPARTMENT, INNOVATION 128, 1990-1994**

- Created and directed the consulting activities of the leading French technology monitoring firm
- Recommended partnerships and strategic positioning to Fortune 500 clients and SMEs on topics as diverse as neural networks, monoclonal antibodies, tunneling, adhesives or packaging

*Previous positions include:*

**TECHNICAL ADVISOR IN THE CABINET OF THE MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, 1987-1988**

- In charge of European institutional issues and the preparation of the European Single Market

**FORMATION**

Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE is a graduate of Ecole Polytechnique (1978), Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (1983) and Ecole Nationale d'Administration (1986).

He has been a close collaborator of the Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation and a member of the Advisory Board of Aspen Institute France and the Board of Bridge Initiative International.