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Dr. Douglas O'Handley is the Director of the NASA Ames Astrobiology Academy. He has also been associated with the Center for Mars Exploration at Ames. He retired from NASA after 40 years in government and academia on September 3rd 1999. He currently is employed by Lockheed Martin to continue his role in leading the NASA Ames Astrobiology Academy. As of last fall, he became the Vice President of Science and Technology Corporation and will be the task manager of the Research and Technology Support Contract at NASA Ames if this proposal is successful.

Dr. O'Handley has an AB degree in astronomy from the University of Michigan and a Masters of Science and Ph.D. in celestial mechanics and computer science from Yale University.

Upon graduation from The University of Michigan, Doug was employed with the Time Service and Nautical Almanac Offices of the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C.. After graduation from Yale University, he joined the California Institute of Technology, NASA - Jet Propulsion Laboratory and carried out research in celestial mechanics in support of the early Mariner missions to Mercury, Venus, and Mars. He then moved into management where he led research in artificial intelligence and biomedical technology transfer.

After a brief period in the Director's Office at Ames, the first time, he returned to Southern California to work in the private sector at TRW in Redondo Beach. In 1988, he joined NASA Headquarters as the Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Office of Exploration. This was at the period of planning and the announcement of the Space Exploration Initiative by President Bush to place humans permanently on the Moon and venture on to Mars early in the twenty-first century.

Although supposedly retired, in addition to the Academy, he holds an adjunct professorship at Santa Clara University where he teaches a course "Introduction to Space Science" within the Department of Physics. He also collaborated with Orbitec in Madison, Wisconsin on a Lunar effort. The results of which can be found at the web sight <http://www.niac.usra.edu/studies/>

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He was a member of the Space Sciences Division in the Space Directorate while directing the Academy as a civil servant.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, a Fellow in the Aerospace Medical Association, a Fellow of the American Astronautical Society, and an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. In addition, he is a member of the International Astronomical Union and the International Academy of Astronautics. He recently chaired the Space Exploration Committee of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF).

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