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Serving the ICAS Community between 1993 and 2016 in various functions: Council Member Programm Committee Member Membership & External Relations Sub-Committee Member Honors & Awards Committee Member Since 2020: Honorary Fellows Advisory Group Member

Joachim Szodruch graduated from the Technical University Berlin in 1971 followed by a post-graduate study at Cambridge University, UK. He obtained his PhD from the Technical University Berlin from where he later also received an Honorary Professorship. With an NRC Associate-ship he spend two years at NASA Ames Research Centre.

For more than 20 years he worked in industry starting at Airbus as an Aerodynamicist followed by various positions in Germany and France and eventually he was appointed Vice President Future Projects and Technology. As a Member of the Executive Board of DLR, he was for almost ten years responsible for Aeronautics and Energy bringing his industrial expertise into Europe's largest Aerospace Research Establishment.

He served over the years in many national, European and international functions in industrial, scientific, advisory and evaluation committees, specifically also as Co-Chairman of ACARE, Chairman of EREA, President of DGLR and CEAS as well as Scientific President of aireg, an initiative for renewable energy.

He is an Honorary Member of the DGLR and received the ICAS von Karman Award and the Maurice Roy Award, as well as the CEAS Gold Medal. Recently the AIAA awarded him with the International Cooperation Award for his work as founder of IFAR, a global organization of Research Establishments, where he also developed strong links to ICAS.

As Senior Consultant for the Swiss based ALR he is developing and executing seminars for early career employees as well as consulting Research Establishments. Presently he is Chairman of the Executive Board of Hamburg Aviation.