



CHRISTIAN KJÆR



Place and date of birth: Hillerød, Denmark, 6 January, 1970

Current position

- Since March, 2006 : CEO European Wind Energy Association

Career

- 2003-2006: Policy Director, European Wind Energy Association
- 1998-2002: Economist / Policy advisor, Danish Wind Industry Association, Copenhagen, Denmark. Between October 2001 and October 2002 seconded to the European Wind Energy Association as policy officer.
- 1996-1998: Journalist at Danish daily newspaper "Berlingske Tidende". Political science section.
- 1994-1997: Masters degree (M.Sc.) in International Economics and Finance, Partly obtained from Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, Denmark; partly from the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance at Brandeis University, Boston, US (1995-1996).
- 1991-1994: Bachelor (B.Sc.) in Economics and Business, Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Jan 1991-August 1991: Diploma in Business Management and Administration, London School of Foreign Trade, London, UK

ANDRIS PIEBALGS



Place and date of birth: Valmiera, Latvia, 17 September, 1957

Current position

- Since 2004: Member of European Commission

Career

- 2004: Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Kalniete
- 2003-2004: Deputy Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
- 1998-2003: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Latvia to the European Union
- 1995-1997: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Latvia to the Republic of Estonia
- 1994-1995: Minister of Finance of Latvia
- 1993-1994: Member of Parliament of Latvia, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee
- 1990-1993 Minister of Education of Latvia
- 1988-1990: Desk officer, Head of Department, Ministry of Education of Latvia
- 1980-1988: Teacher, Headmaster, Secondary School No1, Valmiera
- June 1980: Graduate in Physics from the University of Latvia

MECHTILD ROTHE



Place and date of birth: Paderborn, Germany, 10 August, 1947

Current position

- Vice-president of the European Parliament
- Vice-Chair of the SPD group in the European Parliament
- Member of the European Parliament's Industry, Research and Energy Committee
- Since 2002: President of the European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources
- Substitute member of the Foreign Affairs Committee
- Since 1984: Member of the European Parliament

Career

- 2002-2004: Member of the Group Bureau
- 1975-1984: Member of the Bad Lippspringe town council
- 1978 and 1981: First and Second State examination for lower secondary teaching
- 1974-1978: Graduate in German and Social Science

NOBUO TANAKA



Place and date of birth: Tokyo, Japan, 3 March, 1950

Current position

- Since 2007 : Executive Director IEA

Career

- 2002-2004: Director General, Multilateral Trade System Department; Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
- 2000-2002: Executive Vice President, Research Institute of Economy Trade and Industry RIETI of Ministry of International Trade and Industry - Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry METI
- 1998-2000: Minister for Energy, Trade and Industry, Embassy of Japan, Washington DC
- 1997-1998: Director, Policy Planning and Coordination Division, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of International Trade and Industry
- 1995-1997: Director, Industrial Finance Division, Industrial Policy Bureau, Ministry of International Trade and Industry
- 1991-1995: Director for Science, Technology and Industry, OECD, Paris
- 1989-1991: Deputy-Director for Science, Technology and Industry, OECD, Paris
- 1987-1989: Director, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Ministry of International Trade and Industry
- 1986-1987: Senior Deputy Director, Personnel Affairs Division, Ministry of International Trade and Industry
- 1979: Graduate in Business Administration at Case Western Reserve University School of Management, USA

ARTHOUROS ZERVOS



Current positions

- President of the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA)
- President of the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC)
- Member of the Forum for Transport and Energy, the advisory body for DG TREN
- Member of the Working Group on Energy Supply for the European Climate Change Programme
- Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering at National Technical University of Athens
- Vice President of the European Renewable Energy Centers Agency (EUREC)
- Vice President of the Hellenic Forum for Renewable Energy Sources
- Board member of the Hellenic Wind Energy Association

Other activities

- Publication of more than 80 papers in Scientific Journals and conference proceedings
- Speaker in more than 60 international conferences
- Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Solar Energy, and Editor of the Wind Energy Journal
- Chairman of five and Co-chairman of three international conferences
- Vice Chairman of two international conferences
- Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the First European Congress on Renewable Energies for Regions and Cities, and General Secretary of the European Congress on Renewable Energy Implementation
- Lead author of the European Commission's White Paper on Renewable Sources of Energy (1997)
- Special advisor to the Greek Minister of Environment and put together the Greek Presidency's proposal for a European Union CO₂-energy tax