

PEGGY FINARELLI



Peggy Finarelli has hands-on operational experience in the fields of space policy, international space cooperation, and international relations in science and technology. Her 20-year career at NASA, as well as her 12 years of service at other US Government agencies such as the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, focused on policy and strategy development, interagency negotiations, and international negotiations in these areas.

Finarelli joined NASA's International Affairs Division in 1981 and undertook the conceptual development and negotiation of numerous international space science and space infrastructure projects. She was responsible for developing the international partnerships in the International Space Station (ISS) program. She led the US team conducting the international negotiations that resulted in the agreements governing NASA's cooperation with Europe, Japan, and Canada. These agreements provide the legal, policy and programmatic foundation for the multi-billion dollar ISS.

In 1988, Finarelli became NASA's Deputy Associate Administrator for External Relations; in 1991, she was appointed Associate Administrator for Policy Coordination and International Relations. In these two positions, she served as NASA's focal point for the interagency development of US space policy and for NASA's international activities.

From 1995-2000, Finarelli provided leadership for GLOBE, a NASA environmental research and education program that involves almost 15,000 schools in the US and more than 100 other countries. As GLOBE's Deputy Director, she oversaw the design and operation of the program, and was responsible for conceptualizing and negotiating the formal domestic and international partnerships which provided its broad base.

After NASA, from 2000-2006, Finarelli served as the International Space University's Vice President for North American Operations. She was responsible for strategic partnerships and business development in the US for the Strasbourg, France-based international university, which provides interdisciplinary post-graduate education in space-related fields to future

space leaders from all over the world. Finarelli is currently a Senior Fellow in the Center for Aerospace Policy Research of George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia.

Finarelli currently serves as the Vice President for Public Policy of the American Astronautical Society (AAS); she is also a member of the International Activities Committee of the American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics (AIAA) and of the Board of Advisers of SEDS-USA. She received NASA's Exceptional Service Medal in 1985, the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award in 1988, NASA's Group Achievement Award in 1989 and 1994, the Women in Aerospace Outstanding Achievement Award in 1989, and NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal in 1991. She was elected to the International Academy of Astronautics in 2003. In 2004, she was awarded the AIAA's International Cooperation Award and was elected as a Fellow of the AAS. In 2005, she was elected an Associate Fellow of the AIAA.

At the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Finarelli was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated Magna Cum Laude with Distinction in Chemistry. She has a Master of Science degree in Physical Chemistry from Drexel University, Philadelphia.