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Born in 1949 at Troyes (France), Claude Boucher is graduate from Ecole Polytechnique (X 69) and from Université Pierre et Marie Curie-Paris VI (1974). He worked in the French national mapping agency (IGN) from 1974 to 1999, as geodesist, then in the Ministry of Research (1999-2008) as advisor, and finally in the Ministry of Public Works and environment up to 2014.

He is member of the Bureau des longitudes and Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS)

His main activities in geodesy were in the field of satellite geodesy and reference system. In particular, he contributed to the creation in 1988 of the International Earth Rotation and reference system Service (IERS), as well as the International GNSS Service (IGS), the International DORIS Service (IDS) and the IAG EUREF sub-commission where he created the Technical Working Group. Within IERS, he initiated the International Terrestrial Reference System (ITRS) and its primary realization (ITRF) and was responsible of this task up to 2004. He also contributed to the definition and adoption of ETRS89 within EUREF, which is now formally adopted by Europe as the common system. He also defined the new national system of France (RGF93) as densification of ETRS89.

Claude Boucher has been deeply involved in numerous international organizations. He has been secretary of the Fédération des Services de données Astronomiques et Géophysiques (FAGS) (1980-1986). He was also active within IAG through various study groups or commissions as chairman or member. He also spent many years in management tasks of IAG, starting in 1975 as assistant secretary, and later as General secretary (1991-1995).

More recently, he was French delegate to The Global Earth Observation organization (GEO) and to the UNESCO International Oceanographic Commission (IOC).

At IUGG level, he is presently liaison to the Consultative Committee for Time and Frequency (CCTF), and the national delegate of France to IUGG.