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ERNST FASAN - PIONEER OF SPACE LAW

Abstract

Ernst Leo Albin Fasan, born August 1926, is an Austrian lawyer and a recognized authority in space law, including metalaw. He earned his Doctor of Law at the University of Vienna. Fasan was a practicing attorney when he helped to establish the Permanent Committee on Space Law of the International Astronautical Federation in 1958. Two years later he was invited by his friend, colleague and fellow space law pioneer Andrew G. Haley to join the committee's successor, the International Institute of Space Law. Fasan was elected to the IISL board of directors in 1962 and served as an officer of the organization later on. He was present in Vienna when the IISL was granted permanent observer status by UNCOPUOS. As of today, Fasan remains active in the SETI field as a member of the SETI Permanent Study Group of the International Academy of Astronautics.