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John Casani is currently Special Assistant to the Director at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He has been a leader in the development and management of spacecraft systems. The majority of his career has been in systems engineering and project management. He was Project Manager for three major space missions at JPL: Voyager, Galileo, and Cassini. He held senior project positions in many of the early space programs, including Explorer, Pioneer, Ranger, and Mariner.

Dr. Casani is the recipient of the National Academy of Engineering Founders Award, and the National Aerospace Museum Lifetime Achievement Award. He is an Honorary Fellow of the AIAA and a member of the International Astronautics Academy. He has received several NASA awards, including the

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