

Dr Frank Briscoe, Director of Fusion for Energy

Dr Frank Briscoe started his scientific career in 1971. He spent 3 years with British Gas and then joined the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) to work on fission projects. From 1985, he became increasingly involved in the management of fusion activities. Dr Briscoe later spent 5 years supplying high technology equipment to third parties. From 1996, he managed all UKAEA operational activities at the Culham Science Centre including the fusion experiments MAST and (from 2000) JET. Dr Briscoe was awarded an OBE in 2007 in recognition of his major contribution to international collaboration in fusion science. After leaving Culham in 2008, Dr Briscoe led an independent assessment of the cost estimates of the ITER Organization for the construction of ITER.

Dr Briscoe became Director of Fusion for Energy on 16 February 2010. Fusion for Energy (F4E) is the agency that provides the European contributions to the ITER international fusion energy project with an annual budget of around €400 million and around 200 staff at its headquarters in Barcelona, Spain.

