

Contact

Languages

English (Full Professional)

French (Native or Bilingual)

Deutsch (Professional Working)

Honors-Awards

Honorary Professor and Honorary
Doctor of Science and Letters

7 FAI World Records: Breitling
Orbiter

Winner Chrysler Challenge: First
transatlantic balloon race

European hang-glider aerobatics
champion

Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur

Publications

Around the World in 20 Days

Une Trace dans le Ciel

A Trace in the Sky

Changer d'Altitude

"La Pédagogie de
l'Epreuve" ("Ordeal, a Learning
Experience")

Bertrand Piccard

Initiator, Chairman and Pilot of Solar Impulse, United Nations
Goodwill Ambassador, Motivational Speaker
Lausanne, Canton of Vaud, Switzerland

Summary

Born into a family of scientific explorers, Bertrand Piccard has made history by completing two round-the-world flights: non-stop in a balloon and more recently without any fuel in the Solar Impulse airplane.

With this last achievement, Bertrand's goal was to demonstrate how clean technologies and renewable energy can achieve the impossible. As a second phase of his vision, and with the Solar Impulse Foundation, he launched the challenge of selecting 1'000 profitable solutions that protect the environment in order to encourage decision-makers to adopt more ambitious environmental targets and energy policies.

One of the first to envision ecology through the lens of profitability, he urges for the uptake of clean and efficient technologies because they are logical rather than just ecological. Even if climate change didn't exist, they would make sense, as they represent the biggest industrial market of the century. According to him, innovation and pioneering spirit are key to solve the most pressing challenge of our times: ensuring the quality of life on Earth.

Experience

Solar Impulse Foundation

Founder and Chairman

January 2017 - Present (3 years 2 months)

Lausanne Area, Switzerland

Bertrand Piccard SA

Motivational Speaker

September 1992 - Present (27 years 6 months)

worldwide

Motivation and leadership, spirit of adventure and pioneering, psychology of communication and teamwork, crisis and stress management, renewable energies and clean technologies, self-hypnosis.

To request information please refer to Daniel Felli:
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United Nations Environment Program

Goodwill Ambassador

December 2015 - Present (4 years 3 months)

For more information, access UNEP's website: <http://www.unep.org/gwa/ambassadors/bertrand/#sthash.Kck7hIQZ.dpbs>

Winds of Hope Foundation

President

1999 - Present (21 years)

SOLAR IMPULSE

Initiator, Chairman and Pilot

2003 - December 2016 (13 years)

Medical Doctor

Specialist in psychiatry and psychotherapy for adults and children

1986 - 2016 (30 years)

Currently out of practice due to Solar Impulse round the world flight

Breitling Orbiter

Initiator and Pilot

1997 - 1999 (2 years)

Education

University of Lausanne (Switzerland)

Medical Doctor, Faculty of Medicine · (1979 - 1986)