

Ian Dawkins
Chief Executive Officer
OnAir



Ian Dawkins has recently been appointed Chief Executive Officer of OnAir (June 2010). With more than 20 years experience in the aeronautical industry, he is determined to making OnAir undisputed leader in onboard connectivity solutions.

Ian started his career with commercial system controls and then moved into aircraft control and landing systems with Fairy Hydraulics as Head of Programme Management.

In 1989 Ian joined Airbus UK managing site closures and reorganisations within the procurement and engineering divisions. In 1997 he became the Programme Director for the Wide Body Programme at BAE Systems. In this role, he contributed to extending the life of the programme by developing a freighter version of the model.

In 2001 Ian was appointed Vice President Programme Operation and Management for the Airbus A320 family in Toulouse and later in Hamburg where he has lead the most significant increase in the history of the Programme by raising deliveries from 223 in 2004 to 460 in 2007.

In January 2006, Ian took up the position of Head of Future Programmes in charge of the preparation of the next generation of products for launch and management of all the pre-development activities.

Graduated from The Open University with an Honors Degree in Design and Technology (UK), Ian also holds a Diploma in system Practices.

For three years, he lectured at Warwick and Bristol University on the topic of managing complex projects within a business environment.

Ian is married and has one son. He is a keen golfer and enjoys running, biking and skiing.