

**Jean-Patrick Giacometti** graduated from the Paris School of Mines in 1972. He worked as an engineer in the geostatistics department of a french mining company (Compagnie Française des Pétroles-Total group) for several years then moved as a computer engineer to Framatome nuclear engineering company.

He undertook early time sharing systems development as team manager in the statistics department of the french Ministry of Industry. Since 1981 he is a research engineer at Inria.

His main interests are in the joint fields of Applied Mathematics and Computer Science. He has worked on a variety of topics such as Packet Networks, Operating Systems, Compilation, GUIs, Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence.

He has participated in teaching Operating Systems Architecture, OOLs – Loops, Smalltalk, Statistics and Databases at the University of Nice and in business schools. He has experienced early IP networks in classrooms.

He has joined Christian Huitema's team at INRIA Sophia-Antipolis in May 1994 to support networking software on PCs. He has actively participated to the support of the MICE – Multimedia Integrated Conferencing for Europe – project.

He has brought the Chimaera electronic signature prototype to an industrial quality level in partnership with the Olivetti company.

He is currently developing prototypes of tools to enhance free software network usage. His current interest is focused on anywhere-anytime communication with cooperative filtering.