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Former Chilean Air Force (FACH) officer with extensive experience in the operational management and logistics of defense systems. Within his 33 years served for FACH, he had the opportunity of working with both transport and combat aircraft maintenance and in the design, manufacture, launch and operation of the FASat-A and FASat-B Chilean satellites. He was awarded to the "Cross of Chilean Aeronautical Merits", in the "Cross of Distinguished Services" degree in 1998 and he retired from FACH with the military rank of Colonel in 2008.

Suárez entered the Technical University Federico Santa María in 2009, where he developed different initiatives associated both with teaching and with applied research activities in the Academia de Ciencias Aeronáuticas, ACA, mainly concerning aeronautical and space technology, remote sensing applications and management of natural disasters.

He has been part of national advisory committees in the field of education, the exercise of the engineering profession, scientific committees, and international organizations.

He was named Alternate Chilean Representative before the Group on Earth Observations, GEO by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2018.

At present he is leading the aerospace research activities of ACA at Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María, and he is also the second vice president of the Asociación Chilena del Espacio, ACHIDE.