Lieutenant Colonel Lorenzo Rispoli, MQ1 - MQ9 Program Office Deputy Lead, **Italian Air Force Staff**

LtCol. Rispoli was born in Orbetello (Tuscany) on 11st january 1974, joined Italian air Force in 1993, within "Pegaso IV" Course. He got his degree in Aerospatial Engineering in 1998 (graduating with UAV project thesis), and he spent the major parts of his working life in technical and logistic management of the Italian operational fighter-bomber AMX.

During his stay at 3rd Maintenance Wing, he was in charge, as first engineer in Italy, of the Predator entry in to service either in Italy (32° Wing) or in Iraq, where he spent 7 months in 2005.

In 2007-2008, being graduated as Aircraft Mishap Investigator and having gained a good experience in technical investigations, he was employed in Flight Safety Inspectorate-Investigation Office .

Since 2011 he has been employed in the Logistic Department of The General Air Staff as UASs Section Leader and MQ1 - MQ9 Program Office Deputy Lead.

LtCol. Rispoli is married to the lady Luana and has two children, Giulia and Gabriele.

Training:

1993 – 1998, Air Force Academy (degree in Engineering);
1998 – 2001, Technical and Logistic corse (Italy and USA);
2002 – War College (first module) - Florence;
2003–2004 – Predator Technical and Logistic Courses (USA)
2005 – War College (second module) - Florence

Duties:

1999 – 2000 Technical Officer in Onboard Systems Unit - Technical Division of 3° Maintenance Wing (Treviso);
2001 – 2004 Chief of the Propulsion Systems Unit- Technical Division of 3° Maintenance Wing;
2005 – Predator Chief of Maintenance (28 th Squadron-Nassirya – IRAQ);
2007 – 2008 Technical Investigator in Flight Safety Inspectorate (Rome);
2009 – 2011 Chief of the Logistic Management Office - Logistic Division of 3° Maintenance Wing (Treviso)
2011 –UASs Section Leader and MQ1 - MQ9 Program Office Deputy Lead in Logistic Department of The General Air Staff (Rome).

Awarded honors:

Silver Cross Medal for length of service;
Kosovo NATO Operation Medal;
International Relief in Iraq Medal.