



CNES participation to the 33rd Space Symposium in Colorado Springs, April 2017

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An unmissable global event

April 3 - 4 2017, the President of CNES took part to the 33th Space Symposium in Colorado Springs, a global event launched in 1984, which has since become a not-to-be missed gathering of the International space community and its major players, be they institutional, military or commercial, totalizing this year over 10.000 attendees.

Space Agency Leaders Roundtable

CNES President took part to the public debate organized by the Space Foundation gathering 15 space agency leaders from all over the World, debating over the current evolutions of space activities and outlining the role of innovation, which is both critical to and strengthens cooperation in three key areas of space activity : International relations, dual programs and public-private partnerships. In that context CNES, based on its strong technical and programmatic expertise, presented its strategy to « Invent the future of Space ».

Innovation & Inspiration, a Pivotal Asset of France in the Cooperation with the United States

CNES President also led, together with **Brig. Gen. Jean-Daniel Testé**, Commander of the Joint Space Command (French Ministry of Defence), a breakfast-debate gathering about eighty French, European, and American representatives on the theme “ a Pivotal Asset of France in the Cooperation with the United States”. This meeting has been the opportunity to present French space activities both in the civilian and defense fields. The President of CNES cited the planetary success of Rosetta-Philae, the first results of Microscope, Thomas Pesquet's mission aboard the International Space Station, the beginning of Galileo initial services as well as the various environment-friendly initiatives taking place under the Microcarb, Merlin and SWOT programs.

The President of CNES also mentioned that CNES, driving force of European Space, would benefit a 10% budget increase for 2017. He then welcomed on-going as well as upcoming programs, developed under French-American cooperation : Curiosity, Maven, InSight, Mars 2020, Jason 1, 2 and 3, SWOT, and the recent agreements signed in the space surveillance area. He concluded wishing for increased space cooperation between France and the United-States.