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## **Geneviève Campan, CNES's Information System Director, made Officer of the Legion of Honour**

**At a ceremony at the Toulouse Space Centre today, CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall presented Geneviève Campan, the agency's Information System Director, with the insignia of Officer of the Legion of Honour.**

A graduate of ENSEEIHT, the French national electrical engineering, electronics, computer science, hydraulics and telecommunications school, and holder of a postgraduate diploma in Applied Mathematics from Paul Sabatier University in Toulouse, Geneviève Campan joined CNES in 1980 and has spent her entire career at the agency.

Since 2011, Geneviève Campan is CNES's Information System Director and sits on its Executive Committee. In this capacity, she is responsible for managing all of the agency's networks, architecture, data security and archives, notably 'big data' systems and all the hardware necessary to keep it running smoothly.

On behalf of French President François Hollande, CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall presented Geneviève Campan with the insignia of Officer of the Legion of Honour from the honours list put forward by the Secretariat of State for Higher Education and Research. This award honours her extraordinary 36-year career at CNES and her contribution to current topics like big data, on which her expertise is world renowned.

At the award ceremony, Jean-Yves Le Gall commented: "CNES is very proud to decorate you with this award, which honours both yourself and the agency. Because you have been at CNES for 36 years, which is quite remarkable in a world where we are taught that we must keep moving; because your career is an inspiration to youngsters everywhere and your energy and enthusiasm for what you do is a delight to behold; and because you are a woman who has succeeded in breaking through the much-talked-about glass ceiling, which is confirmed by statistics and undoubtedly makes it that much harder to achieve what you have achieved."

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