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CNES in Bremen for 69th IAC

The 69th International Astronautical Congress (IAC), the annual rendezvous of the international space community, is being held in Bremen from Monday 1 to Friday 5 October, organized by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and chaired by CNES and IAF President Jean-Yves Le Gall.

IAC is a must-attend event for the French space sector and France has sent a big delegation forming part of the 5,600 representatives of the international space community, scientists, academics, engineers, representatives of space agencies and industry, and international space executives.

For visitors to this year's IAC, CNES has put together a large exhibition space highlighting its three main themes of innovation, exploration and climate, the latter being a key focus of the agency's actions. A totem on future launch vehicles, produced in partnership with the French aerospace research centre ONERA, is also on display alongside Paris's candidacy to host IAC 2021, led by CNES.

A big screen will also offer visitors a panorama of the large-scale missions being pursued by CNES, which is sharing its stand with the German space agency DLR to underline the close partnership between France and Germany on many flagship projects. One such project is the French-German MASCOT rover on the Japanese Hayabusa2 mission, set to land on asteroid Ryugu this week on 3 October.

Other highlights of the programme for the 69th IAC, for which the theme is 'Involving Everyone', will be the opening ceremony, the press conference presenting the event and the plenary meeting of space agency heads, and above all the IAF General Assembly that will be examining Paris's candidacy to host IAC 2021. The event is also a great opportunity for CNES to conduct bilateral meetings with other agencies present and move forward on current and future international partnership projects.

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