

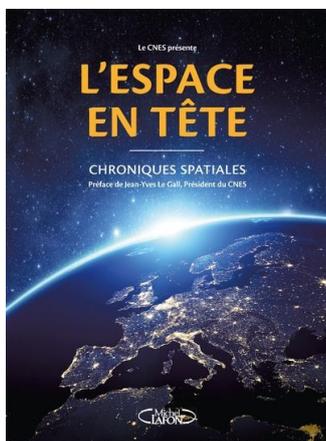
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**Press Release**

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**CNES presents**  
***L'espace en tête, chroniques spatiales***  
**published by Michel Lafon**

CNES presents *L'espace en tête, chroniques spatiales*, a book published by Michel Lafon based on the 33 daily space chronicles by CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall that aired on Europe 1 radio over the summer of 2018.



The chronicles cover a range of subjects concerning the past, present and future of space, from the feats of figures like Gagarin, Armstrong and Ariane to space exploration (the Universe, Thomas Pesquet and Mars) and the challenges it faces, such as climate science through the Space Climate Observatory (SCO) and monitoring of Earth's land surfaces waters and atmosphere; innovation with the future of Europe's launchers, telemedicine and connected autonomous vehicles; and applications being driven by satellite data and the digital revolution (Galileo and disaster monitoring and mitigation).

The book also touches on the strategic and diplomatic dimension of space, underlining that France—through CNES—is the world's most prolific partner nation in this domain.

In this book packed with sober photos and artwork, CNES is seeking to meet a genuine demand for more information, explanation and sharing of insight about the social and economic challenges of space. With the International Paris Air Show at Le Bourget only weeks away, the agency is confirming its status as a pivotal player in the space adventure.

Through these radio chronicles aired over the summer of 2018 and now the book, CNES continues to engage with the public.

“I believe it's vital to reach out to and inform the wider public, as well to educate younger generations. Space offers the virtue of being ‘trans-generational’ and concerning everyone on the planet, while fostering exchanges between peoples and nurturing all talents in a spirit of gender equality that is something to which I attach a great deal of importance.”

Jean-Yves Le Gall, CNES President

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