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TOULOUSE SPACE SHOW 08: AN EXCITING EVENT WELL ON THE WAY

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With more than 750 general, scientific and technical abstracts received from thirty different countries, and over thirty exhibitors signed up so far, the very first edition of the Toulouse Space Show is already shaping up to be a great success.

- The ENC-GNSS 2008 conference has received 370 abstracts, more than twice as many as in 2007 when the event was held in Geneva as part of TimNav07. With over three quarters of the submissions coming from outside France, researchers and engineers the world over have shown their desire to participate actively in this major European event for satellite navigation in 2008.
- The 22nd EFTF conference, which is being organised in Toulouse for the first time, has also affirmed its international reach, with more than two thirds of its papers coming from other countries.
- The Space Applications symposium has received 210 abstracts from over 20 countries for its second edition. This augurs well for a symposium which is intended to be a regular event in the region.
- Finally, 31 companies have already reserved floor space or committed in principle to exhibition booths.

This enthusiastic response to calls for papers, plus the number of daily contacts (6,700 connections to the website in November) show that the projected figures of 1,000 delegates and over 60 exhibitors, made by the organisers and partners, should be largely exceeded: the Toulouse Space Show will be one of the essential rendezvous of 2008 for any key player in the Space, Navigation or Time/Frequency fields. Registration has already opened on the website.

About the Toulouse Space Show:

The Toulouse Space Show will be held at the Pierre Baudis Convention Centre in Toulouse from 22 to 26 April 2008. This international event will revolve around four gatherings and will confirm that the Midi-Pyrénées region has a concentration of world-class stakeholders in the Space field:

- **ENC-GNSS 08, annual international conference on satellite navigation:** this is the leading European event for satellite navigation. It covers a range of key subjects in the field: from precision to reliability, techniques and applications to policy and programmes, etc.;
- **EFTF08, - European Frequency and Time Forum:** research and development which is aiming to meet the growing needs for communications, navigation, astronomy, etc.;
- **SPACE APPLI 08, international conference on Space applications (2nd edition):** this conference will provide a roundup of the latest Space applications (broadcasting, communications, geographical information, geolocation, etc.) across the entire spectrum of economic and social sectors;
- **An exhibition on an international scale, combined with a series of business meetings, dedicated to Space applications.**

Other related events aimed at the general public - particularly students and young people - will be organised throughout the week, in order to promote the ways in which Space contributes to society. The Toulouse Space Show is being organised by CNES and Midi-Pyrénées Expansion, the economic development agency of the Midi-Pyrénées region. It is sponsored by the Midi-Pyrénées Regional Council, the Haute-Garonne General Council, the Grand Toulouse and Sicoval Urban Communities and the Toulouse Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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