



Toulouse, 8 April 2010

***INVITATION to a Meeting of Secondary School Directors of the Community of Ariane Cities (CVA), Bremen, Germany, 20 and 21 July 2010***

Madam, Sir,

As you probably know, the cities and industries involved in the Ariane launcher programme gathered more than ten years ago in an association called the Community of Ariane Cities (CVA), a reference organisation in the European Space landscape.

One of CVA's main objectives is to establish long term relations among universities, schools, industries and citizen. To meet this objective, a growing number of activities is being implemented, of political, technical, cultural, educational and outreach nature.

The most recent programme is our **Ariane Cities Educational Network (REVA**, from its acronym in French), which brings together teachers and education planners from the Ariane cities, in order to exchange best practices in bringing the inspiring topics of Space science and technology into the classroom.

In this framework, a web portal has been set up [www.space-education.cva.eu](http://www.space-education.cva.eu) and also a Teachers' Seminar: an itinerant short course targeting secondary school teachers of math and science and allowing them to exchange experiences and to acquire new techniques in Space teaching.

Taking advantage of the successful series of Teachers' Seminars, running annually since 2008, the CVA proposes to reinforce the existing REVA network of secondary schools with Space teaching, by associating the school management to its activities.

Such a reinforced network will encourage the cooperation among pupils, teachers and educational planners around the topic of « Space in the classroom ». The participating secondary schools will benefit from such a European network in the following ways:

- Educational planners and teachers, as well as their pupils will have direct contact with and exposure to the main players in European Space activities.
- Exchanges of information, best practices, joint activities, as well as meetings during the REVA Teachers' Seminars would ensure continuity of the cooperation activities and partnering among schools in the network.
- Science, technology, language or cultural exchanges would materialize with a leverage effect, a facilitation of contacts and a reduction of formalities.

For all these reasons, the CVA organizes on **20 and 21 July 2010, in collaboration with the City of Bremen, Germany, a meeting of Secondary School Directors** involved with Space teaching in the Ariane Cities (or wishing to get involved).

Together with Mr. Juan de Dalmau, CVA General Delegate, I would be very honoured with your presence at this two-day meeting in Bremen.

The Directors' meeting itself will take place on the afternoon of July 20th. The following day will allow participants to actively take part in the programme with the Teachers. More details are given in the attachment.

I hope that this initiative will meet with your interest and look forward to your positive reply.

In the meantime, I remain at your disposal should you need further information, and remain.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philippe Noël', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Philippe Noël  
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