

CALL FOR IDEAS
for the prospective workshop on
“Earth and Space Sciences in Europe
using CNES balloons”

In order to define a set of guidelines with the European scientific community for its balloon activities during the next 5 to 10 years, CNES is organising a workshop to be held on September 22-24th, 2008, in Pau, France.

It will be the opportunity for the scientific communities interested in balloon-borne observations and measurements to express all their needs regarding balloon flights in the future. The main goal of this workshop is to identify the scientific priorities to be considered by Cnes. This workshop should also help define the role of balloons in the next decade, taking into account any other type of vehicles (in particular satellites)

In order to gather all the ideas of the scientific community, CNES is issuing a call for ideas more particularly addressing the following thematic areas:

- Atmospheric sciences,
- Astronomy and fundamental sciences,
- Planetary sciences,
- Other themes.

This call for ideas concerns varied aspects including :

- developments of vehicles and/or payloads;
- relevant parameters accessible by balloon flights;
- scientific projects (including type of launching stations, synergy of flights, ..)
- satellite validation (campaigns with existing or new instruments, ..)

A “pre-position” paper, based upon the review and overall harmonisation of the received proposals will be prepared by panels of international experts for each thematic field and then discussed with the entire community at the September workshop. The conclusions of the discussions will be used to generate a position paper on European scientific activities using balloons during the next decade. This document will be used by CNES in order to orientate its developments and programmes.

Please send your proposals, written in English, by March, 28th 2008 at the very latest. by e-mail as an attached file (maximum 1 MB, and/or 5 pages format A4) in Word for Windows or pdf format excluding any other format.

The proposals must be sent to the following address:

AIBL2008@CNES.fr

In order to avoid any confusion, authors are requested to identify their proposals by an 18-character name (excluding the extension), as follows:

- 6 characters to identify the theme:

Atmospheric sciences :	ATMOSP
Astronomy and fundamental sciences :	ASTROP
Planetary sciences	PLANET
Other themes	OTHERS

- 4 characters to identify the laboratory,

- 4 characters to identify the country,

- 4 characters to identify the idea.

Please contact us in the event of any format or transmission problem.

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