

## Paul Davies becomes board member of ISAE

**Neuilly Sur seine, 9 April 2008 – Paul DAVIES, head of the Innovation group in UK for Thales Aerospace Division, has been appointed board member of ISAE\* (Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace).**

Paul Davies, a Technical Manager based in Leicester, has been involved in Research and Development with Thales for many years, and is developing links with UK Universities as part of his responsibilities. He was appointed Royal Academy of Engineering Visiting Professor in Integrated System Design at Loughborough University in 2007.

*"I am absolutely delighted to join the board of this prestigious aerospace school, with which Thales France already has a good relationship. It is an essential part of Thales strategy to develop strategic partnerships with leading European Universities, and this is an early aim of ISAE. Their target partners include Cranfield University in the UK, with whom Thales Aerospace are partnered for the ASTRAEA research contract."*

The stated aim of ISAE is to create a new generation of graduate engineers who have experience of the education system of more than one country, of living and working in more than one language, and of industrial placements in more than one European Aerospace company. As a leading player in this market, Thales strongly support this initiative.

### About Thales

Thales is a leading international electronics and systems group, addressing defence, aerospace and security markets worldwide. Thales's leading-edge technology is supported by 22,000 R&D engineers who offer a capability unmatched in Europe to develop and deploy field-proven mission-critical information systems. To this end, the group's civil and military businesses develop in parallel and share a common base of technologies to serve a single objective: the security of people, property and nations. The group builds its growth on its unique multi-domestic strategy based on trusted partnerships with national customers and market players, while leveraging its global expertise to support local technology and industrial development. Thales employs 68,000 people in 50 countries with forecast 2007 revenues in excess of €12 billion.

### About ISAE

The « Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace » (ISAE), is the result of the merging of two French « Grandes Ecoles » (graduate schools) SUPAERO and ENSICA, and aims to become a key player in higher education and research for aerospace engineering in Europe. Today, ISAE training offer is : 2 graduate programs (SUPAERO and ENSICA), 20 "masters spécialisés" (Specialized post graduate masters), 2 MSc in aerospace mechanics and avionics and in aeronautical engineering and space technology, 9 research oriented masters, 6 PhD programs, 66 international cooperation agreements, 50 industrials and research partnerships.

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