

## CIEA 2004 - France Annual Report

In 2003 the education commission of the “ Aero Club de France ” have originate two different types of action for youngsters:

One have been initiated by youngsters themselves, around 17 years old, and helped by adults. A week of visits in AIR France operational services and Air Traffic Control facilities of CDG airport, during a school holidays period, has been organized. Each day was started by a morning of various technical briefings prepared by one of the youngsters for the others, about the cockpits and Flight Management Systems of the Airbus A320 and the Boeing 747-400. The young participants have decided to organize again such a week but being each of them a facilitator for a group of new young participants, and that way multiply the experience.

The second one has take place in an EADS industrial building, where part of the propulsion system of an Ariane rocket is assembled. Two College teachers with their students had prepared numerous documents and a CD-ROM around the theme “Objective Mars”, and concluded their work by this visit. The content of CD is online at [www.air-edu.com](http://www.air-edu.com) (in French).

The French National Association for Youth, Science and Technology “Planete Sciences” has, this year, started a new “Space Camp Challenge”, a competition based on discoveries on the planet Mars in the future; you can win a travel to a space camp. [http://www.planete-sciences.org/espace/manifestations/concours\\_isc\\_2004.pdf](http://www.planete-sciences.org/espace/manifestations/concours_isc_2004.pdf) More generally, under 18<sup>th</sup> will find at [www.planete-sciences.org](http://www.planete-sciences.org) activities about weather, balloons, rockets, astronomy, by numbers.

The association Jonathan-Club, part of the commission, has realized this year more than 700 days of school aeronautic initiation and hundreds of “discovery period” and youth camps.

The FAI art contest inputs are increasing this year again, bringing to teachers a first step easy to do, to increase enthusiasm in their classroom for aeronautic.

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