

CIEA 2005 – France Annual Report

The 13rd March 2005 the education commission of the « Aero Club de France” have originate a first meeting between teachers and professionals working in the aeronautics or space.

During one day, teachers could participate 5 different slots of 50 minutes each, meeting a contributor making a short briefing on his professional activities followed by questions from the teachers.

Our aims where to bring to teachers information directly from the source, help them to “color” their classroom work in an Air & Space way, make it more obvious for each that skills learned at school are the same that the ones used in that industry, that some know-how used in that sector could find a parallel application at school.

For each slot there were a choice of 5 different workshops and all together that was 25 different workshops organized. Along the contributors you could find test-pilots, engineers, air traffic controllers, weather forecasters, astronauts training supervisor, airline pilots, private and helicopter pilots, air museum manager, astrophysics scientific and a philosopher.

That meeting day took place at Air France main office in the Paris-CDG International Airport, and teachers could see airliners land and take-off during their workshops.

All participants were very enthusiastic, and have pleaded for a new issue of such a meeting next year, and we plan to make it at “Le Bourget” Air & Space Museum in 2006.

We hope that some 2005 participants teachers will be willing to be contributors next year so as to shear with others what they have developed in their classroom, and then increase more the interest of teachers and educators in that meeting.

All the organization has been driven by web-tools, and the whole story is online at: www.air-edu.com

The FAI art contest is now also online and inputs are increasing consequently, bringing to teachers a first step easy to do, to increase students enthusiasm for aeronautic.

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