

## Here's to another 70 years of excellence in aerospace research

**On the occasion of its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, ONERA will be celebrating aerospace research from September 17 to December 11 through a dedicated exhibition. The goal: to show and explain its full contribution to some of the greatest aeronautics and space achievements, as well as its know-how to prepare the future.**

On September 15, to mark the official opening of the exhibition, Laurent Collet-Billon, the General Delegate for Armaments, spoke on behalf of the Minister of Defense: "with the support of industry, the DGA and its institutional partners will accompany ONERA in its quest for excellence, which contributes to making France a major worldwide player in the aerospace field". For his part, Bruno Sainjon, ONERA's CEO, said: "It is by demonstrating our desire and ability to play a major role in the aerospace future of France and Europe that we obtain, and will obtain, the support that we need. To build our future we must turn our gaze towards the future, while remaining proud of what ONERA has achieved during these 70 years".

The exhibition "70 years of ONERA" has been organized around 13 areas, covering a surface of over 100 m<sup>2</sup>, and includes many videos and models. With a resolutely educational emphasis, it will present some aerospace gems of today and tomorrow. In addition, the major Airbus, Rafale and Ariane programs will be presented, as well as future research on electric aircraft, drones and new space and maritime observation and surveillance technologies. This exhibition will take place at ONERA's centers in France for the benefit of its employees, their relatives and ONERA partners, as well as for the general public in the case of some sites.

- Palaiseau: Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 of September (open to the public on Sunday 18)
- Modane (St Jean de Maurienne) from Friday 23 to Tuesday 28 of September (open to the public from Sunday 25 to Wednesday 28 of September)
- Salon de Provence: Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 of October
- Lille: Wednesday 12 to Saturday 15 of October (open to the public on October 13 and 14)
- Toulouse (*Quai des Savoirs*): from November 18 to December 11 (open to the public during the hours of the *Quai des Savoirs*)

**ONERA**, a key player in aeronautics and space research, employs approximately 2000 people. Under the supervision of the Ministry of Defense, it has a budget of 230 million euro, of which more than half comes from commercial contracts. As a State Expert, ONERA prepares tomorrow's defense, meets future aerospace challenges, and contributes to the competitiveness of the aerospace industry. It is an expert in all of the disciplines and technologies of the field. All major civil and military aerospace programs in France and Europe have some of ONERA's DNA: Ariane, Airbus, Falcon, Rafale, missiles, helicopters, engines, radars, etc. Recognized internationally and often receiving awards, its researchers train many doctoral students.

