



Mission Report: Fête de la Science

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Organiser: Science Animation

Agenda

12/10

22:30 Arrival at Toulouse airport and welcome by Alain Tournier (Science Animation Director and MILSET Europe Treasurer)

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Morning: sightseeing of Toulouse and visit of the "Space Village"

11:30 – 20:00 meetings and visit of the "Cahors's Science Village" with Alain Tournier and Anne Launois (project manager of the "Fête de la Science" for the French Ministry of Research and Higher Education)

Evening: meeting with Alain Tournier

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10:00 – 14:30 Visit of the "Beaumont de Lomagne's Science Village"

16:00 Departure

Science Animation

Science Animation is a CCSTI (Centre de Culture Scientifique, Technique et Industriel) covering the region of Mid-Pyrenees in the South-West of France.

Science Animation is making the conception and the diffusion of scientific mediation tools, the animation of a network trough the region, the organisation of some exhibition, visits, conferences, debates, seminars, the expo-sciences, etc.

The 34 CCSTI are covering nearly all French Territory; they are grouped in "La Réunion des CCSTI" which is MILSET Europe founder member.

More info on: <http://www.science-animation.org> and <http://lareunion.crihan.fr/>

The "Fête de la Science"

Organised by the French Ministry of Research, the "Fête de la Science" (Science celebration/festival) is covering all France. Based on the voluntary participation of people around science, it is used to promote the encounter of the public with the researchers, engineers, technician and little scientist trough activities such as science village, conferences, open laboratories, visits, etc. Over 7200 projects are organised during a week.

More info on: <http://www.fetedelascience.fr>



Mission

Answering a kind invitation of Science Animation (which took all in charge, including the flight tickets) the mission was double:

1. Discovering the "Fête de la Science" and Science Animation people and activities
This activity having a strong support from the authorities, is really high value and popular. Reaching a large number of participations (mostly school and family public), the concept could/should be developed in other countries.
Science Animation is involved in all activities in the region and is collaborating with the different actors at associative, institutional and private level.
2. Meeting with Alain Tournier, MILSET Europe treasurer, to make the point on the actual situation and to prepare the last trimester of 2007.
The actual situation is good; we are fitting the budget and will be able to manage the different coming expenses (pay the secretary salary, set some missions, make some promotion materials, etc.).
It's important to re-apply to the Youth In Action - Action 4.1 and to look for funds for our 2008 activities starting by the ESE 2008.