

## **Ariane Cities "Space Schools" headteachers and European maths/science teachers meet in Bremen.**

As part of the "Space Schools" (*Lycées de l'Espace*) initiative, headteachers and education planners from the Ariane Cities of Barcelona, Bremen, Les Mureaux, Liège and Toulouse met on 20 July 2010 in Bremen, Germany, to exchange experience in the field of space education at secondary school and vocational college level and to prepare collaborative projects.

Birgitt Rambalski, representing the City of Bremen hosting the meeting, concluded: *"We are very grateful to CVA's education partner ISSAT (Institut au Service du Spatial, de ses Applications et Technologies) for taking the initiative of organising what has proved to be a very positive opportunity for everyone taking part. Indeed, we have seen what the best practices are in other European cities and we have agreed on collaborative activities that will enable us to exploit the fascination of space to inspire young people to gravitate towards scientific and technical studies."*

This first international meeting of "Space Schools" headteachers from several Ariane Cities was held in conjunction with the CVA's third annual three-day REVA (Educational Network of Ariane Cities) Seminar for maths/science teachers, also hosted this year by the City of Bremen. This gave more than twenty teachers from nine Ariane Cities an opportunity to improve their space education skills and knowledge by taking advantage of the varied programme of activities arranged: presentations given by space transportation experts; attending sessions of the 38<sup>th</sup> COSPAR (Committee on Space Research) Scientific Assembly also taking place in Bremen this year; and a visit to the Bremen-based CVA company member EADS Astrium.