

# Visit to Thales in France



*At Bretigny: live demonstration of the mini-drone Spy 'Ranger' was witnessed*

## Drones, C-UAV, radars and airport security systems on display

**O**n 29 May 2017, some 30 media persons from around the world gathered at Bretigny in France for a 3-day detailed session on Thales and their activities which included factory visits and live demonstrations of some of their innovative products.

Thales is a global technology leader in the aerospace, transport, defence and security markets. With 64,000 employees in 56 countries, Thales has recorded sales turnover of €14.9 billion in 2016. With over 25,000 engineers and researchers on their rolls, Thales designs and deploys equipment, systems and services to meet security requirements worldwide.

After arrivals throughout the day in Paris and then being shifted to Bretigny on 29 May, a welcome dinner was organised for the international media gathered there. It was a good opportunity to get to know the Thales officials as well as fellow journalists in

a calm and beautiful setting. Next morning, 30 May, we left our hotel to Thales' hangar in the North Zone for a presentation of 'Thales in the field of drones' given by Thibault Trancart - Vice President Marketing and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Strategic project,

Thales. This was followed by a presentation of the Nouvelle Aquitaine and Ile-de-France Clusters to highlight this sector of excellence in the field of drones. These very interesting talks and presentations were delivered by Jean-Marc Grolleau - AETOS cluster Director, Thales and Jean-Philippe



*Jean-Marc Grolleau - AETOS Cluster Director, Thales*