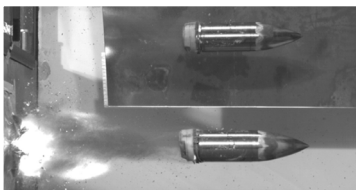


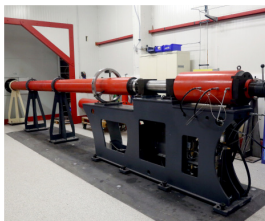
## CEA GRAMAT

Located in the Lot department, the CEA Gramat center **is part of the CEA's Military Applications Division**. It provides project management assistance to the French Armaments Procurement Agency (DGA), and is the **reference center for defense systems and infrastructure vulnerability** to the effects of conventional weapons and their effectiveness. Its areas of expertise are in pyrotechnics and detonics, and in electromagnetism.



## THIOT INGENIERIE

THIOT INGENIERIE (Eurengo Group) is a company based in Puybrun in the Lot department. THIOT is **a world leader in the manufacturing of gas guns and an expert in Shock Physics**. The company carries out impact testing and numerical simulation services for the aerospace and defense industries. The company also has a training department, the Shock Physics Academy, which offers training courses in materials dynamics.



## REGISTRATION

For online registration, scan this QR code:  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

**June 30, 2025:** end of early-bird  
**July 15, 2025:** deadline to submit abstracts (to be sent to [contact@ara2025.com](mailto:contact@ara2025.com))  
**September 15, 2025:** end of registration

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## LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Christian LE GALLIC - CEA GRAMAT  
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## ARA 2025

74th Meeting of the  
Aeroballistic Range Association



Sept. 28 to Oct. 3, 2025  
GRAMAT, LOT - FRANCE

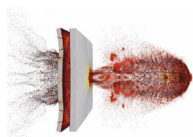
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## ABOUT ARA

The Aeroballistic Range Association (ARA) annual meetings are attended by an international group of scientists and engineers from government, academia, and industry **involved in various aspects of maintaining, upgrading, and utilizing launcher technology** for a variety of research applications, mostly involving defense or aerospace applications. The meeting is primarily composed of technical talks presented by the ARA members. Topics covered at the annual meeting include :

- ballistic range operation;
- high-speed instrumentation;
- dynamic mechanical events;
- exterior and terminal ballistics research technology;
- development of research launchers.

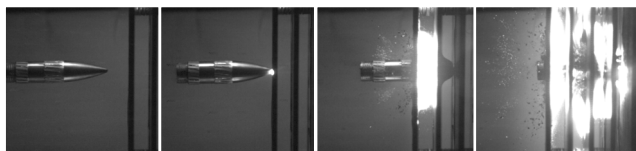


## OBJECTIVES AND TOPICS

When founded, the primary aim of the ARA was to focus research activities and exchange operating experience on those research launchers, which were novel facilities at that time. Later, the topics of interest broadened towards **ballistic and shock physics research as well as all types of research accelerators and high-speed diagnostics** required for this type of research.

## ARA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **Jérôme MESPOULET** - Chair, Thiot Ingenierie
- **David STRANGE** - Chair Elect, Physics Applications
- **Scott ALEXANDER** - Treasurer, Sandia National Laboratories
- **Robin PUTZAR** - Secretary, Ernst Mach Institute
- **Brad DAVIS** - Past Chair, DEVCOM Army Research Laboratories



## CONFERENCE LOCATION

### Le Grand Couvent de Gramat ★★★

33 Avenue Louis Mazet - 46500 Gramat



## HOTEL WITH PRE-BOOKED ROOMS

We have pre-booked rooms in the following hotel until **September 10**.

When booking, please **mention that you are coming as part of the ARA conference**.



### Le Grand Couvent de Gramat

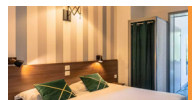
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## OTHER HOTELS



### Logis Hôtel du Centre

Place de la République, 46500 Gramat  
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2 min drive from Le Grand Couvent



### Le Relais Amadourien

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16 min drive from Le Grand Couvent



### Le Belvédère

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13 min drive from Le Grand Couvent



## REGISTRATION FEES

Prices excl. VAT

	Early-bird Before June 30	Late July 1 to September 15
ARA member	€1,200	€1,300
ARA Non Member*	€1,300	€1,400
ARA Fellow	€600	€700
Exhibitor**(booth)	€2,600	€2,800
Additional Exhibitor	€1,100	€1,200
Student	€600	€700
Companion	€600	€700

**€100 discount for any speaker (member, guest, fellow and student)**

\* If you have any inquiries about Membership Requests or need information about attending the ARA conference as a Non-Member, please email us at [contact@ara2025.com](mailto:contact@ara2025.com)

\*\* One registration included

**Due to security regulations, the organizers reserve the right to reject participation of non-members on a case-by-case basis.**

### Companion program

Among the potential visits:

- Figeac and its museum
- Rocamadour
- Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne
- Caves / chasm



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

**Sunday, september 28, 2025**

**14.00:** booth set up for sponsors

**18.00:** welcoming reception

**Monday, september 29, 2025**

**8.00-17.00:** conference

**18.00-20.00:** visit at the Lacave caves and aperitif

**20.00-23.00:** dinner

**Tuesday, september 30, 2025**

**8.00-17.00:** conference

**From 18.00:** meal and evening at leisure

**Wednesday, october 1, 2025**

**8.00-13.30:** visit to CEA Gramat and lunch

**14.00-17h30:** Thiot Ingenierie lab tour

**From 18.00:** meal and evening at leisure

**Thursday, october 2, 2025**

**8.00-17.00:** conference

**19.00-23.00:** banquet

**Friday, october 3, 2025**

**8.00-13.30:** conference + lunch (meeting ends)

**18.00:** post meeting social event - optional