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# AST Networks Hosts Government Partner Event in Amsterdam

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AST Networks brought together leading voices in government and satellite communications at their Government Partner Event in Amsterdam on 30 September. The full-day programme, held at the centrally located Park Plaza Victoria Hotel, featured keynote addresses, technical presentations, and a manufacturer exhibition, drawing government leaders, industry experts, and technology partners from across Europe and beyond.

The strictly invite only event opened with a keynote from Gregory Darling, Founder & Chairman of AST Networks, who reflected on AST's 30-year history of supporting government and commercial partners with resilient connectivity solutions. Darling discussed the challenges and opportunities in government contracting and stressed the importance of collaboration, technical readiness, and long-term commitment in achieving success.

"Partnership and collaboration are at the heart of everything we do." Darling said, "No single organisation can address the challenges of secure, resilient communications alone. By working closely with our partners, we not only strengthen the solutions available today, but also ensure we stay ahead of innovation to meet the needs of tomorrow's government and industry missions."

Throughout the day, participants heard from a strong line-up of international partners:

- SAL Navigation highlighted their leadership in GNSS resilience, sharing insights from their pioneering jamming and spoofing testbed in Norway.
- NAL Research presented their assured Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) technologies for GNSS-challenged environments. Guest speaker, Ed Wildgoose of Nippy Networks gave a compelling insight into the anti-jamming and anti-spoofing challenges governments are facing in the real world today, and highlighted the leading-edge solutions already available to address them.
- Iridium gave an update on their low-latency, truly global satellite network, supporting voice, data, and IoT connectivity in remote and contested regions.
- Viasat & Inmarsat outlined the opportunities of integrated multi-orbit services for secure and scalable government communications.
- Space42 & Thuraya introduced the Thuraya-4 (T4) satellite and their expanded mobile satellite service capabilities, alongside AI-powered geospatial and connectivity solutions.
- Eutelsat Group demonstrated how its low-orbit OneWeb constellation is delivering high-speed, low-latency connectivity for government and enterprise missions worldwide.

The latter part of the event was an exhibition fair, where attendees met directly with manufacturers including, Cobham Satcom, Sal Navigation, Space42 & Thuraya, Viasat & Inmarsat, Airbus Defence & Space, NAL Research, and AST Networks. Exhibitors showcased technology ranging from advanced satellite terminals and anti-jamming/spoofing systems to hybrid communications platforms designed for government and defence operations.

The Park Plaza Victoria, opposite Amsterdam Centraal Station, provided a fitting backdrop for the event, delegates praised the venue's central location, professional facilities, and welcoming atmosphere, which helped ensure the day ran smoothly.

Evening networking was split between two popular options. Many guests boarded a private EcoBoats canal cruise, enjoying an informal two-hour networking session with pizza and an open bar on board - whilst meandering through Amsterdam's historic waterways. Other guests gathered at ARCA bar and restaurant in art'otel Amsterdam, where private space was reserved for light bites and drinks in a relaxed setting.

The combination of structured presentations, interactive sessions, and informal networking was well received by participants. Attendees described the event as an important opportunity to exchange ideas, explore new technologies, and strengthen relationships across government and industry.

AST Networks confirmed that this was the first in a series of partner events they plan to host, with follow-up activities already in motion, including 'Quick Bite' webinars with General Manager Lee Norton and Government Liaison Vic Litaunieks.

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