



USAIRE NEWS – January 2006

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RECENT EVENTS

Monday, 12 January: Board members met with our Advisory Committee to plan for 2006 luncheon events with guest speakers on themes with an international focus. We now have high-level guest speakers lined up through September. The Committee also approved our initiative to create a USAIRE Student Award for a paper focusing on defense in the context of transatlantic relations. We would plan to have the Award presented to the winning student by a French Government personality during our next Thanksgiving dinner. We will make a special announcement of this initiative in due course.

Friday, 27 January: Our Luncheon guest speaker was **Etienne de Poncins**, Directeur de Cabinet of Catherine Colonna, Ministre Délégué Affaires Européennes. He spoke on la Coopération Européenne pour une Défense Commune. **Bertrand Besancenot**, Conseiller Diplomatique au MOD, also a guest, contributed comments from the French MOD viewpoint. **John Thomas**, Air Attaché, UK Embassy and USAIRE member, added a British MOD view. Members not present missed a truly memorable debate!

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

In addition to recent announcements of new members (current total: 86), we advise of the following changes to our Membership List: **AC&S France** (Bruno de Larminat's new telephone is 05.61.20.13.87); **Alkan** (Xavier Bruneau, Directeur General, replaces Anne-Marie Perus); **CMC Electronics** (Correct e-mail is lwalkertis@compuserve.com); **CTI** (Change to reflect the Company's common name); **EADS Sogerma** (Anne-Marie Perus is the new Chairman); **Lockheed Martin Global** (New Address: Ave. Louise 480, box 6, Brussels). The USAIRE Website will reflect these changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2006

Wednesday, 8 February: Southwest Chapter luncheon in Blagnac with guest speaker, **Didier Lux**, Airbus Head of Quality and VP Maturity for the A380 program - how Airbus assesses its own quality.

Thursday, 23 February: Tour of French Senate with Luncheon guest speaker, Sénateur du Cher, **Serge Vinçon**. Topic: "L'évolution de la Relation Transatlantique dans la Construction de l'Europe de la Défense". It's a unique opportunity to visit / lunch at the Senate with a high-level speaker. ID required.

Friday, 24 March: Luncheon with guest speaker, **Claude Mandil**, Président de l'Agence International de l'Energie. Topic to be confirmed.

Friday, 28 April: Luncheon with guest speaker, **Jean-Jacques Dourdain**, Président de l'Agence Spatiale Européenne. Topic to be confirmed.

Friday, 12 May: Luncheon with guest speaker, **Philippe Carli**, Président, Siemens France. Topic later.

Friday, 02 June : A reminder to register for the "**BORDEAUX EVENT**"!

A welcome by our host, **Serge Durand**, Director CEA-CESTA, will be followed by a visit to the site of **Laser Méga Joule** (Only the first 45 persons to register will be accepted). Later, we'll have a luncheon at the chalet du CEA, followed by a visit to a chateau or to the "centre ville" of Bordeaux. We'll have an evening group dinner hosted by CCI de Bordeaux in the presence of "responsables d'entreprises aquitaines du secteur aéronautique". **Members may register to attend with: michele_messaoudi@raytheon.com. ID required. This is a major event: learn and network.**

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