



## USAIRE NEWS – February / March 2006

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#### RECENT EVENTS

**Wednesday, 8 February:** Our **Southwest Chapter** held its quarterly luncheon in Toulouse with guest speaker, **Didier Lux**, Head of Quality for Airbus. His presentation focused on customer expectations and what this means for Airbus and its suppliers. Drawing on his Air France experience, he answered many questions from the 50 attendees representing major Aerospace Companies: Rolls-Royce, Safran, Rockwell-Collins, Hamilton Sunstrand, Raytheon and others.

**Thursday, 23 February:** After a visit of the Sénat, we were given a warm welcome by **President Christian Poncelet**. **Senator Serge Vinçon**, President of the Foreign Affairs & Defence Committee, was the guest speaker during this very special luncheon. His topic: “L'évolution de la Relation Transatlantique dans la Construction de l'Europe de la Défense”. The participation and words of **Colonel Ernest Herold (ODC, U.S. Embassy)** attracted particular attention. Last but not least, **Senator Vinçon** so much enjoyed our company that he expressed a wish to join us on 2<sup>nd</sup> June during our **Laser Méga Joule** visit.

#### NEWS FROM THE BOARD

**Student Award Program:** The Call for Papers is currently being launched with the selected French “grandes écoles”. Two French publishing media have been contacted to sponsor our program.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2006

**Friday, 24 March:** Luncheon with guest speaker, **Claude Mandil**, Directeur Exécutif de l'Agence Internationale de l'Energie. His topic will be, “The Future of Energy Sources and Possible Evolutions”.

**Thursday, 27 April:** Luncheon with guest speaker, **Jean-Jacques Dordain**, Directeur Général de l'Agence Spatiale Européenne. His topic will be, “Space dominance : Quelle ambition européenne?”.

**Note this correction to the previously announced date.**

**Friday, 12 May:** Luncheon with guest speaker, **Philippe Carli**, President, Siemens France. His topic will be, “Siemens' strategy in Europe”.

**Friday, 02 June :** Note this date to register for the important **“BORDEAUX EVENT”!**

A welcome by our host, **Pierre Boucher**, 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](mailto:michele_messaoudi@raytheon.com). ID required. This is a major event: [learn and network](#).**

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