



## USAIRE NEWS – APRIL 2006

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#### RECENT EVENTS

**Thursday, 27 April:** Our April luncheon in Paris was another major event with guest speaker, **Jean-Jacques Dordain**, Directeur Général de l'Agence Spatiale Européenne. His topic was, "Space Dominance: Quelle Ambition Européenne?" One of the original French astronaut candidates, **Mr. Dordain** has been with ESA since 1986. For him "space" is directly related to information dominance, itself a key component of "defense". Cooperation among the 17 European member states with their international partners, including the U.S., is essential in the face of an emerging China which is actively developing its own space program. USAIRE is proud to have invited **Mr. Dordain** whose standing in the "space" field is unsurpassed.

#### NEWS FROM THE BOARD

**Student Award Program:** The Program was recently launched among selected French "grandes écoles". Our website ([www.usaire.org](http://www.usaire.org)) explains the full Program in French and English. Candidates have been requested to submit papers on: "My Vision of the Aerospace and Defense Industry 20 years from now". Interest in this Program has developed quickly. USAIRE has already received 16 summaries from high-level candidates eager to compete for our prize money. A Jury will judge these summaries to select those candidates who will submit final papers. The Jury will then judge the complete essays to determine the final winner(s) who will also have the opportunity to present their papers at a USAIRE event in December.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May: An updated USAIRE Membership Directory will be issued shortly. It contains all current members, including those who have joined USAIRE since the previous issue 1 Dec. 2005. This is an excellent networking tool for our members.**

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

**Friday, 2 June:** We have just issued an official invitation to Members to register for the important "**BORDEAUX EVENT**"! **(Only the first 45 persons to register will be accepted). ID required.** A welcome by our host, **Pierre Boucher**, Director CEA-CESTA, will be followed by a visit to the site of **Laser Méga Joule**. Later, we'll have a luncheon at the CEA chalet, followed by a visit to a chateau and a tour of "centre ville Bordeaux". We'll have an evening group dinner hosted by CCI de Bordeaux in the presence of "responsables d'entreprises aquitaines du secteur aéronautique". To confirm your attendance, contact : [michele\\_messaoudi@raytheon.com](mailto:michele_messaoudi@raytheon.com).

**Friday, 9 June:** Our Southwest Chapter issued an invitation on 20 April for its 9 June luncheon in Toulouse. **Pierre Vellay**, Air France Sr.VP New Aircraft & Fleet Planning, will be our guest speaker. His topic will be Air France's sourcing strategy for the selection of its potential suppliers and its vision of the airline market over the next 20 years, a subject of special interest to USAIRE members.

**Friday, 7 July:** This is the date of our **annual Garden Party and Golf Outing** which, together with our annual Thanksgiving dinner-dance in November, are our key non-business events of the year. Details and registration information will be announced in a separate mailing.

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