



## USAIRE NEWS – OCTOBER 2006

### Recent Events – News from the Board – Upcoming Events

#### RECENT EVENTS

**Friday, 20 October:** We had two guest speakers at our October luncheon at the Marriott. First, **Jean-Marie Carnet**, senior executive of GICAN, described the upcoming Euronaval at Le Bourget featuring 345 exhibitors from over 30 countries. Over 30,000 professional visitors were expected at this bi-annual event focused on current and emerging naval technology. Our main speaker was **Jean-Marie Poimboeuf**, CEO of the DCN. He described how the high-technology naval industry is developing in France, Europe and worldwide. He pointed out the need for Europe to regroup its 21 naval industries and 23 shipyards which represent 30% of world production as compared to North America whose 4 industries and 6 shipyards represent 35%. It is planned that, by January 2007, DCN, Thales Naval France and Amaris naval activities will be integrated under DCN so as to consolidate the present industrial dispersion in France.

**Friday, 20 October:** Our **Annual General Assembly** was also held on this date following the luncheon. Our President, Michel Dubarry, described the events of our Sep 2005-Aug 2006 fiscal year. He mentioned our illustrious guest speakers, our July cultural event, our Student Award initiative, our net increase of 17 members for a new high of 93 and our latest 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006 Membership List, our prime tool for member networking. He also highlighted our improved website ([www.usaire.org](http://www.usaire.org)). Our year 2006 will conclude with the 24 November Thanksgiving dinner event, mentioned below. Plans are already focusing on 2007. Details will be published in the November Newsletter. Finally, the Board approved an increase of membership dues to 250 Euros, our first annual increase since 2002.

The Board welcomed two new members, **Jean-François Coutris**, Managing Director of Sagam's Optronics & Air Land Systems group and **Gilles Berkovitch**, Gérant of Invant. We regretfully accepted **Paul Kessener's** resignation from the Board. Paul's contributions to our Board meetings will be sorely missed; however, we are glad that he will continue his membership and presence at our USAIRE events.

#### NEWS FROM THE BOARD

**Student Award Program:** The Program (see [www.usaire.org](http://www.usaire.org)) was launched in April among selected French "grandes écoles". By end-May, 23 candidates/teams had submitted summary papers on, "My Vision of the Aerospace and Defense Industry 20 years from now". Our Jury has selected the final winner(s) who will share our exceptional prizes of money and two free Cathay Pacific airline tickets A/R to Hong Kong. The winner(s) will be announced during our Thanksgiving dinner. They will also present their papers at a USAIRE event in early 2007.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, 20 November:** Southwest Chapter hosts a luncheon with guest speaker **Paolo Revelli-Beaumont**, Deputy General Manager, NH Industries.

**Friday, 24 November:** Notice has already been sent out for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Members who have paid their dues are entitled to two free invitations. Companies may "rent" a table in their name (EUR 100 per guest).

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President