



USAIRE

## USAIRE NEWS – NOVEMBER 2006

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

#### RECENT EVENTS

**Monday, 20 November:** Our Southwest Chapter luncheon, attended by over 35 members and friends, welcomed guest speaker **Paolo Revelli-Beaumont**, Deputy Managing Director, NHIndustries who presented his company and its recent issues and successes. His experience as an Italian national working on the ATR program and AIR joint venture give him a very privileged position at NHIndustries which comprise Italian, German, French and Dutch interests.

**Friday, 24 November:** **USAIRE**'s Thanksgiving dinner-gala, our major social event of the year, was held at the elegant Cercle de l'Union Interalliée in Paris with 150 members and guests attending. During the cocktail, **Michel Dubarry**, our President, welcomed everyone and then presented our guest of honor, His Excellency, **C.R. Stapleton**, Ambassador of the United States. Ambassador **Stapleton's** speech, in French, honored **USAIRE** for providing opportunities to increase business cooperation in the aerospace field between Europe and the U.S. **Michel** then outlined the evening's schedule with its highlight of prizes for the winners of our Student Award Program (see below). As the evening was such a successful and enjoyable event we expect even greater attendance next year.

**Student Award Program:** The Program was launched in April among selected French "grandes écoles" on the theme, "My Vision of the Aerospace and Defense Industry 20 years from now". The five winners selected by our Jury were introduced during the evening. The first place prize was 1500 Euros and two free Cathay Pacific airline tickets A/R to Hong Kong. The other four winners also received money prizes. The papers of all five winners have been printed in a handsome Student Award booklet which can be obtained by contacting ([caroline.lamassoure@rolls-royce.com](mailto:caroline.lamassoure@rolls-royce.com)). We plan to have some of the winners present summaries of their papers during a **USAIRE** event at the French Senate in Feb/March 2007. We have attached to this Newsletter copy of the Press Release issued on the occasion of our Thanksgiving gala and its Student Award Program. We will also publish on our website (see [www.usaire.org](http://www.usaire.org)) excerpts from our Student Award booklet including a) letter of sponsorship by **Michèle Alliot-Marie**, Minister of Defense, b) preface by **Michel Dubarry** outlining **USAIRE**'s objectives c) our Jury members, and d) full text by the first place winner.

#### NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Board welcomed the following new members during November:

Moog Aircraft	<b>Rieuf, Jean-Philippe</b>	Manager, Business Development Europe
Thales Services	<b>Rabain, Jacques</b>	VP Defense and Aerospace

The Board is currently planning our calendar of events for 2007. Two luncheons are scheduled for January as noted below and on our website. As Thanksgiving was our last event for 2006, there will be no December Newsletter. Therefore, we now wish our entire **USAIRE** family a Joyous Holiday Season.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, 12 January:** Our luncheon will have as guest speaker; **Thierry de Montbrial**, Director of IFRI (Institut Français des Relations Internationales) who will speak on the new relationship between Russia and the Western countries.

**January/February (dates to be confirmed):** We will organize luncheons on the French defense programs with two prominent politicians, one from France's Socialist party and another from the UMP.

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President

