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RECENT EVENTS

Tuesday, 13 February: We held our luncheon in the elegant “Salons de Boffrand” of the French Senate. Members and guests celebrated the conclusion of USAIRE’s 2006 Student Award Program based on the theme “**My Vision of the Aerospace and Defense Industry in 2025**”. We sent a text summarizing this event to Air & Cosmos for publication in an upcoming issue. Below is part of this text:

“Launched in March 2006, the Program invited students from several of France’s “grandes écoles” to compete by submitting their “vision” to a jury composed of industry executives. Winners were announced at USAIRE’s annual Thanksgiving dinner last November held at the Cercle de l’Union Interalliée in Paris under the patronage of **Michèle Alliot-Marie, French Minister of Défense**, and in the presence of **U.S. Ambassador, Craig R. Stapleton** and **ex-Minister, Alain Lamassoure** who expressed his views on the importance of European defense.

“First place winner was **Alexandre Perra** of Sciences-Po, Paris. In partnership with Air & Cosmos and L’Expansion, he received a cash award plus 2 round-trip tickets Paris-Hong Kong offered by Cathay Pacific. Runners up for cash awards were **Aurélien and Florian Rigollet**, students of Matmecca and ENSTA. In third place was **Alexandre Lucas**, HEC. Each winner presented a summary of his winning essay to the luncheon attendees.”

USAIRE will continue the Program to in 2007 with the theme, “**Globalization and De-localization – Challenges for the Aerospace and Defense Industry over the Next 20 Years**”. We have already informed the “grandes écoles”. Potential jury members have been identified and l’Expansion will remain a partner. The Program has proved to be an excellent initiative permitting industry executives to interact with the brightest of France’s students who will become our industry executives of tomorrow.”

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Board welcomed the following new members in February:

Airinvest	Jean-Marc de Raffin Dourny	Director
Instro Precision, Ltd.	Didier Gratusse	Marketing Development Executive
Labinal	Norman Jordan	Chairman & CEO

Note: Mr. Jordan replaces Philippe Petitcolin who became CEO of Snecma.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 9 March: Our Southwest Chapter in Toulouse will host a luncheon with guest speaker, **François Jouaillec, General Manager of Aerospace-Valley**. With over 500 member companies, Aerospace Valley’s objective is to foster innovation through collaborative research projects and new initiatives linked to economic development, high education, training and research.

Friday 23 March: Luncheon at the Hotel Marriott in Paris with guest speaker, **Jérôme Grand D’Esnon, Directeur des Affaires Juridiques, Ministère de l’Economie, des Finances et de l’Industrie**. Topic: The new *Code des Marchés Publics* and its impact on company governance.

Friday, 27 April: Luncheon, Hotel Marriott. Guest speaker, **François Bujon d’Estang, President-France Citigroup & former French Ambassador to U.S.** Topic: **Leadership Changes in Europe & their Transatlantic Impact**. It will be interesting to have his views on France between 2 rounds of the presidential election and on the UK after Tony Blair’s departure.

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President

