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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 30 May: **USAIRE's** Annual Golf Outing and Cultural Event. During the day, for non-golfers, there will be an unusual tour of **Versailles Palace** followed by a luncheon. For golfers, the tournament will take place at the **Feucherolles Golf Club**. In the evening, there will be cocktails followed by dinner with lively music and dancing. Further details are on our website (www.usaire.org).
Registration deadline is 20 May.

Friday, 13 June: **USAIRE** will host a luncheon at **France-Amériques** with guest speakers **IGA Louis-Alain Roche, IGA, Chef de la Mission de Modernisation du MCO Aéronautique (MMAé)** and **Robert G. Loewy, Professor** at the **Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology**, who will speak on **Aerospace Education: A Global Challenge to Attract Talented People**.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

We welcomed the following **new members** in April:

EADS Defense & Security **Patrick Oswald** VP, Key Account Manager France
e-mail: patrick.oswald@eads.com (replacing **Dr. Claude Roche**, retired).

Roland Berger Strategy Consultants **Philippe Plouvier** Partner
e-mail: philippe_plouvier@rolandberger.com
They are a top management consulting firm specialized in Aerospace and Defense.

Our Membership Directory was issued as of 1 April with a total membership of 100. Members are asked to check it carefully and to notify manexintl@free.fr of any changes.

RECENT EVENTS

Thursday, 17 April: **USAIRE** organized a visit to the **European Parliament & NATO** in Brussels. This provided a unique opportunity to meet with senior representatives of **EU** institutions (European Defense Agency, European Commission, European Parliament) and **NATO**. The future organization of the European defense policy, **NATO's** recent Bucharest Summit outcome and the future potential developments of the organization were discussed in a friendly and professional atmosphere.

Friday, 18 April: Our Southwest Chapter hosted a luncheon in Toulouse with guest speaker **John Leahy, COO Customers, Airbus**. From his "customer-exposed" position, he made a dynamic presentation of current Air Transport market trends and Airbus' positioning in this cyclical market.

Monday, 21 April: At the request of the **U.S. Embassy Office of Defense Cooperation**, **USAIRE** met with **Dr. Jeffrey Bialos**, former U.S. Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Affairs, currently affiliated with Johns Hopkins' University's School of Advanced Studies. The purpose of his visit was to meet with representatives of European and U.S. companies and discuss the conditions of access to our respective defense markets.

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President