



## USAIRE NEWS – MAY 2008

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, 6 June:** Our **South West Chapter** plans a luncheon with guest speaker **Jean-Michel Vernhes**, President du Directoire de l'Aéroport de Toulouse. He will describe the growth of this important French airport and its on-going construction activity to increase its capacity to serve the businesses and population of the surrounding area.

**Friday, 13 June:** **USAIRE** will host a luncheon at **France-Amériques** with guest speakers **IGA Louis-Alain Roche**, **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

Membership is increasing! We welcomed the following **new members** in May.

Boeing International Corp.	Jean-Marc Fron	Director, International Communication	01.70.37.07.11
EADS Hqs.	Philippe Coq	Dir.Adjoint, Affaires Publiques France	01.42.24.20.79
Rolls-Royce International	Olivier Buzzi	Regional Marketing Executive France	01.47.22.72.02
Thales Land & Joint Systems	Jacques Rabain	VP & Managing Director C41SR	01.41.30.25.55

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](mailto:manexintl@free.fr) of any changes.

#### RECENT EVENTS

**Friday, 23 May:** Our **South West Chapter** hosted a farewell party for **Jennifer Bachus Carelton**, the Toulouse-based U.S. Consul. During her 3+ years in Toulouse, she developed a thorough understanding of the local industrial landscape. Her talent for establishing professional relations served her well. **USAIRE** especially wanted to thank her for her very active support of our Association and to wish her and her family well in her next assignment in Kazakhstan.

**Friday, 30 May:** **USAIRE's** annual **Golf Outing and Cultural Event**. During the day, while golfers competed on a tough course at the **Feucherolles Golf Club**, non-golfers enjoyed a full day organized around the theme, "**the vast water supply network for the Versailles palace and its fountains**". We started with a guided visit to the **Notre Dame** area and market of **Versailles** followed by a luncheon at **Le Chien qui Fume**.

Afterward, we had a special historical description and guided visit to the underground network of huge pipes serving the Palace fountains. In the evening, we had cocktails and distribution of golf prizes. Dinner and lively music followed with an outstanding singer and her accompanying musician. The dance floor was fully packed at times. It was a very successful social event which solicited very favorable comments from the participating American officers and wives of the U.S. Embassy. We thank **Jacques Pous**, **Pierre Assioun** and **Jean-Jacques Steinberg** for their outstanding organizational efforts.

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President