



USAIRE NEWS – JUNE 2008

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UPCOMING EVENTS

This will be our **last** Newsletter until the start-up of our Association's activities in **September**. On behalf of the Board, we wish all members an enjoyable summer, hopefully with exciting vacation plans.

We plan to hold our **Annual General Assembly** shortly afterward. The notice to all members will include **a call for candidates to Board positions**. Joining the Board will enable you to participate directly in **USAIRE's** management, networking and planning for high-level speakers and events. Please give it careful consideration. We have increased membership by 68% over the past 4 years and have achieved recognition as the principal business association of member companies in the aerospace field.

Sunday, 14 September: This is advance notice to block this date for our Southwest Chapter's annual garden party. The invitation will be issued shortly.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Our Student Award Program is on track. Students from selected French "grandes écoles" have sent in their summary papers on this year's theme, "What will be the energy and environmental context for the Aerospace and Defense Industry in 2030?" And a related question, "What consequences will this have on our Industry's competitiveness and innovation ambitions?" The pre-selection process is ongoing. Finalists are required to send in their final papers by mid-September. Our jury will then have a month or so to select the winners.

Our membership continues to increase! We welcomed the following **new members** in June.

Lean Development Structure	Leandro De Sa	Regional Chairman	idesa@leandevs.com
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Our Membership Directory was issued on 15 April with a total membership of 101. We are now 106. Members should check it carefully and notify manexintl@free.fr of any **changes as they occur**.

RECENT EVENTS

Friday, 6 June: Our **South West Chapter** held a luncheon with guest speaker **Jean-Michel Vernhes**, President du Directoire de l'Aéroport de Toulouse. He described 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** hosted 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**. They presented the U.S. and French approaches to aerospace engineering education and agreed that more links and exchanges could be established between our two continents and with industry. Participants highlighted their concerns about the shortage of young engineers in Europe and the difficulties to recruit them. The increasing number of engineers now educated in India and China was also pointed out. We also had the pleasure of having in attendance **Gerry Seah, MD of Singapore Airlines in Paris**, who gave us an interesting commentary of his experience as a student in Toulouse.

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President