



USAIRE NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2008

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome back! We trust our members and their families enjoyed the July-August summer break. The new **USAIRE** year promises to be interesting and informative. Our **Southwest Chapter in Toulouse** plans an interesting year for member companies in the area. Our **Paris** events calendar will include luncheons with high-caliber guest speakers, our **Thanksgiving dinner-gala** in November and our **cultural-golf outing** next June/July. Please reserve the following dates:

Tuesday, 21 October: Luncheon at France-Amériques with guest speaker **Yves Fromion**, Member of the French National Assembly, Defence and Armed Forces Committee. He will speak (in French) on: “Le Livre Blanc et la LPM, sont-ils adaptés au contexte géostratégique actuel et à venir?”

The luncheon will be followed by our **Annual General Assembly** (see recent notice). Your Board encourages maximum attendance to this once-a-year AG. Our President will review the past year and highlight our plans for the coming year. Our Treasurer will present his financial report, strengthened by this past year’s increase in membership from 93 to 108.

IMPORTANT! The AG announcement also included a **Call for Candidates to the USAIRE Board**. Board membership with specific responsibilities is an opportunity to help shape **USAIRE’s** future and network with decision-makers of member companies in the aeronautic and high-tech business community. Please advise Michele Messaoudi of your interest in joining our Board.

Friday, 14 November: Luncheon at France-Amériques with guest speaker **Thérèse Delpech**, Director of Strategic Affairs at the French Atomic Energy Commission. She will speak on “La Renaissance du Parc Nucléaire Civil Mondial et les Conséquences Possibles sur la Prolifération Nucléaire”.

Friday, 28 November: Our annual **Thanksgiving dinner-gala** will be held at Le Cercle de l’Union Interalliée. Last year’s event was highlighted by the presentation of the 2007 Student Award Program winners. The 2008 Program winners will receive similar recognition (see below).

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Our **Student Award Program** is on track. The pre-selected students have all handed in their final 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 **USAIRE**-appointed jury will determine the winners list by early November. This year’s candidates, while mostly from the French “grandes écoles”, will include one U.S. student from the States, thus giving our Program a more international flavour.

Our membership continues to increase! We welcomed the following **new member** in August.
Crane Aerospace & Electronics **Patrice Herbay** Regional Business Manager Tel: 05.34.57.05.32

RECENT EVENTS

Sunday, 14 September: Our Southwest Chapter welcomed over 50 members and guests at its 4th annual garden party in the Chateau de Garrevaques near Revel. Several VIP’s from local companies were among those present for luncheon and a pleasant time. This annual outing has enjoyed great success.

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President