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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 14 November: Our guest speaker will be **Ms. Thérèse Delpech**, Director for Strategic Studies, Atomic Energy Commission. Topic: “The renaissance of the world civil nuclear park & potential consequences on nuclear proliferation.”

Friday, 28 November: You have received notice of our **2008 Thanksgiving Dinner Gala** to be held at the Cercle de l'Union Interalliée. Dues-paid up members are entitled to two free invitations. Please advise jj_steinberg@orange.fr of your participation and group table reservations.

USAIRE's jury for the 2008 Student Award Program has selected the winners. The theme is, “**What will be the Energy & Environmental Context for the Aerospace & Defense Industry in 2030?**” Also, “**What Consequences will this have on our Industry's Competitiveness & Innovation Ambitions?**” Cathay Pacific, Air France, Capgemini, Aviation Week and Air & Cosmos are our partners for this Award. Winners will receive free airline tickets and prizes.

Our updated Membership Directory is soon to be published. It contains member company descriptions and contact details of their representatives to **USAIRE**. It is the principal networking document for **USAIRE** members. During October we welcomed the following new members:

Aircelle	Jean-Pierre Cojan	President	
EADS-France	François Despraires	Head of Public Affairs	
GTI Air & Defense	Christophe Cerverra	General Manager	
Pacific Scientific	Gregory Flippes	Growth Account Executive	(Southwest Chapter)

Check our website (www.usaire.org) for upcoming events, past guest speakers since Sept. 1992 and each Newsletter issued since March 2005.

RECENT EVENTS

Tuesday, 21 October: A very well attended luncheon was held at France-Amériques with our guest speaker, **Yves Fromion**, Député du Cher et Membre de la Commission de la Défense Nationale. His topic was, “Le Livre Blanc et la LPM, sont-ils adaptés au contexte géostratégique actuel et à venir?” He spoke of the need to construct a “Europe de la Défense” and praised **Président Sarkozy's** realistic approach to lead France to become a more active partner within the NATO alliance.

USAIRE's Annual General Assembly followed the luncheon. **Michel Dubarry** reviewed our past year's activities which saw our membership grow from 96 to 108, including 26 in our Southwest Chapter based in Toulouse. **Gilles Deschars** presented a financial situation positive by 8,586 euros over the preceding year. Our coming year will continue with our luncheons and high-level, interesting guest speakers. In addition, our efforts will focus on an appropriate celebration of **USAIRE's** 50th anniversary. From an early group in 1959 of U.S. Airline representatives in Paris, **USAIRE** today is recognized as the main Association for business networking in the transatlantic aerospace and hi-tech community.

Our Board has expanded to welcome 8 additional members: **Alain Bovis** (DCNS), **Carl Chevillon** (Honeywell), **J-P. Cojan** (Aircelle), **Patrick Donovan** (Airbus), **Andreas Loewenstein** (Eurocopter), **Maurice Marais** (Panasonic), **Pierre Pichery** (Parker), and **Claudine Serre** (EACC).

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President