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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 06 February 2009: Our Southwest Chapter will host a luncheon at the Hotel Pullman, Blagnac Airport with guest speaker, **Mr. François Hersen**, CEO, Air Caraïbes Atlantic. He will speak on, “Specific Product & Organization Strategy of a Low-Cost Long-Range Carrier”.

Wednesday, 04 March 2009: **Mr. Leendert Van Bochoven**, Partner Public Sector, European Defense/ Network Centric Operations, IBM Global in Brussels, will be our luncheon guest speaker at the Salons France-Amériques. His topic will be, “The Planet is getting Smarter. Will your Company keep up?”

April 2009: We are preparing the future presentation of the USAIRE Student Award Winner, **Mr. Gaël Le Bris**, student at ENAC, who will be presenting his conclusions to USAIRE members. This event should be organized in the presence of several aerospace experts.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The following new member joined in January :

Aerotechnic France **Philippe Sanchez** President Tel : 05.62.20.66.90

In addition, we have been advised of the following contact changes:

Aerinvest	Jean-Marc de Raffin	Director	j-m.deraffin@orange.fr
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USAIRE Internal Association Procedures: In early December we distributed this document to all our members. It serves to:

- 1) Outline our Association’s Objective, the Privilege of Membership and the Procedures regarding payment of Membership Dues,
- 2) Inform our members of the Board’s composition and responsibilities of each position,
- 3) Inform Candidates who wish to join our Association.

Student Award Program: The theme for our **2009 Award** is, “**What will the Civil and Military Space look like in 2050?**” Also, “**What Consequences will this have on our Industry’s Competitiveness and Innovation Ambitions?**” Cathay Pacific, Airbus, Eurocopter, Thales, Air & Cosmos have already confirmed their partnership for this Award. The call for Papers has already been distributed to French schools.

RECENT EVENTS

Tuesday, 13 January: Our Guest speaker, **Dr. Raphael Sonenshein**, Professor of Political Sciences & Public Administration, California State University, spoke on: “A New Face at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.: Where Does the USA Go From Here?” We had an extremely interesting analysis and discussion on the whole spectrum of reasons for **Obama’s** election. It was particularly interesting to have **Sonenshein’s** views regarding the problems facing the new President.