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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 30 April 2009: We have two luncheon guest speakers.

1) **Michel Wachenheim**, Directeur de Cabinet du Secrétaire d'Etat au Transport **Dominique Bussereau** and 2) **Gaël Le Bris**, Student at ENAC and USAIRE's 2008 Student Award Winner. They will speak together on, « Quel sera le contexte énergétique et environnemental dans l'industrie aéronautique et de la défense en 2030 ? Quelles en seront les conséquences sur les ambitions d'innovation et de compétitivité de notre industrie ? »

Thursday, 30 April 2009: The luncheon will be preceded by **USAIRE's Annual General Assembly**. Our **President, Michel Dubarry**, will review the events of the past year and highlight our plans for the coming year. Our **Treasurer, Gilles Deschars**, will then present his financial report. The AG announcement will also include a **Call for Candidates to the USAIRE Board**. Please advise **Michele Messaoudi** of your interest in joining our Board.

Tuesday, 12 May 2009: This is advance notice of **USAIRE's 50th Anniversary cocktail** to be held at France-Amériques. More information will be provided shortly.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The following new members joined in March :

KGA Avocats	Laura Paget	Partner	Tel : 01.44.95.20.00
Segula Aerospace	Marc Laur	CEO	Tel : 01.41.39.44.89

As previously advised, our **Membership Directory** will be published shortly. In our February Newsletter, we reminded all members to verify that their dues for this year have been paid. The few members who have still not paid (but whom we have carried in the Directory since last November) will be excluded with regret from the new issue, as specified in **our internal procedures**. **They may reapply for membership in September for our 2009-2010 fiscal year.**

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

Friday, 27 March 2009: **Lord George Robertson**, Senior Counsellor, Cohen Group, was our luncheon guest speaker. He is a former Secretary General, NATO (1999-2003), Minister of Defense, UK (1997-1999) and Member, House of Commons, UK (1978-1999). He spoke on: “European-U.S. Defense Relations in the first year of the Obama Presidency”. It was one of the most well-attended luncheons of the year and indicated the keen interest in this topic of all who attended.

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President