

CONTRIBUTING STAKEHOLDERS

UVS France

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UVS France is an independent national non-profit association that was registered in France on April 22, 2008 in accordance with the applicable rules & regulations (loi 1901). It has the following 3 membership categories:

Active members:

- French companies manufacturing unmanned vehicle systems (UVS), sub-systems and components for UVS;
- French companies and organizations (private & public) deploying research and development activities in the field of UVS on a commercial basis;
- French companies and organizations (private & public) supplying services with or for UVS on a commercial basis.

Associate members:

- current & future French government (military & civil) users of UVS;
- French government organizations, universities, syndicates and professional associations
- natural persons (researchers, academics, advisers, independent consultants) residing in France.

Affiliated members:

- press and publishing companies established in France;
- journalists residing in France.

The objectives of UVS France are to:

- study and examine possible solutions to any problem relating to the unmanned vehicle systems, in particular scientific, technical, socio-economic, social, documentary and legal problems;
- facilitate the exchange of information and co-operation in the field of the unmanned vehicle systems (aerial, terrestrial, naval) and the concerned technologies, between industry, government authorities, civil aviation authorities, universities, R&D centres and the Ministry of Defence in France;
- co-ordinate national and international promotional efforts and activities with regard to concept of European unmanned vehicle systems and related technologies, and their applications;
- take measures in order to promote the establishment and adoption of national French legislation with respect to the use of unmanned vehicle systems and to promote the establishment and introduction of acceptable insurance policies, norms, standards, classifications and legislation in this field on a national and European basis;
- to do everything relating to the foregoing in the broadest sense of the word.

A national conference on the theme of export regulations concerning unmanned aircraft systems, the first of its kind in France, was organized by UVS France, in cooperation with UVS

International, at the ENSTA (Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Techniques Avancées) in Paris, France on 17 March 2009.

This event was piloted by the Direction Centrale du Renseignement Intérieur (Ministry of Interior), which is responsible for improving awareness within industry concerning the counter-proliferation struggle concerning weapons of mass destruction and their vectors. This organization is initiating, in partnership with trade associations and syndicates, a cycle of meetings with all industry sectors concerned with dual use products.

During the morning session of this meeting, the principal government organizations involved in this area, give presentations on their responsibilities and activities. These organizations included: «Direction Générale de la Compétitivité de l'Industrie et des Services» (Ministry of Economy, Industry & Employment), the «Direction Générale des Douanes et des Droits Indirects » (Ministry of Finance, Public Accounts and Public Function), the « Déléation aux Affaires Stratégiques» (Ministry of Defence) and the « Secrétariat Général de la Défense Nationale » (prime minister's office), which has initiated a national interministerial counter-proliferation plan.

The afternoon session consisted of case studies and related discussions, which permitted to reply to the questions and pre-occupations of the attendees relative to the export of unmanned systems.

The conference encountered keen interest with industry, as well as with different private and public entities concerned by economic intelligence and security. The event was attended by representatives of 50 companies and universities.

UVS France is member of the International Coordination Council, participates in EUROCAE WG73, is recognized as a partner organization by UVS International, and will be exhibiting at the UAS 2009 conference & exhibition. For additional information see www.uvs-france.org

