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**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF WATER SOLUTIONS BECOMES  
LATEST TECHNOLOGY GROUP UNDER AICHE UMBRELLA**

**New York, NY** - The American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) has announced formation of a new technology group: the [International Society for Water Solutions \(ISWS\)](#). The society provides a forum for communication and networking among engineers and scientists who share interests in water research and water technology development, especially industrial water use and reuse.

The new group is co-chaired by Danny Reible, Bettie Margaret Smith Chair of Environmental Health Engineering and director of the Center for Research in Water Resources at the University of Texas in Austin, and Ralph Exton, chief marketing officer for water and process technologies at GE Power & Water. It aims to tackle critical water-related issues by presenting innovative solutions, optimizing water use while minimizing pollution, collaborating to raise awareness, and sharing knowledge globally. Its work will focus on meeting programming, government outreach, public education, and interaction with other organizations involved in water issues.

In announcing the new group, June Wispelwey, executive director of AIChE, described its “ultimate goal” is to become “the foremost catalyst in applying engineering expertise in meeting society’s needs in the area of water sustainability.” It will work with AIChE’s Institute for Sustainability.

According to Darlene Schuster, who heads the Institute for Sustainability, ISWS members will be part of a network of professionals “who are sharing ideas and experiences with colleagues from around the world.” ISWS activities will offer a platform for presenting work, opportunities for peer-review of projects, discounts on ISWS conferences and workshops, newsletters, webinars, and career and employment services.

Membership is open to individuals, academic institutions and corporations. To learn more, visit <http://www.aiche.org/ifs/community/isws>.

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### **About AIChE**

*AIChE is a professional society of nearly 45,000 chemical engineers in 92 countries. Its members work in corporations, universities and government using their knowledge of chemical processes to develop safe and useful products for the benefit of society. Through its varied programs, AIChE continues to be a focal point for information exchange on the frontiers of chemical engineering research in such areas as energy, sustainability, biological engineering, nanotechnology, and chemical plant safety and security. More information about AIChE is available at [www.aiche.org](http://www.aiche.org).*