

**Special Notes**

- **Process Safety Forum 4-6:30 PM**
- **Location: Brady's Landing Restaurant**
- No Workshops this month
- Networking 6-7 PM
- Dinner 7 PM
- Speaker 8 PM

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Monthly Meeting March 2, 2006

Process Safety - Whose Responsibility Is It?

Brady's Landing Restaurant

The Process Safety Forum will consist of a panel of process safety experts from CCPS (AIChE), industry, education, and an engineering house. It will last from 4:00 to 6:30 pm including about 20 minutes for questions from the audience.

The panelists will be:

1. Scott Berger, Director of CCPS (Center for Chemical Process Safety)
2. Tim Overton, Chief Process Safety Engineer, Dow Chemical, Freeport
3. Jim Thompson, Process Safety Manager, Invista
4. Vic Edwards, PhD, Process Director, Aker Kvaerner
5. Ken Cox, PhD, Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Rice University

The panel will be moderated by Jack Chosnek, PhD, PE, of KnowledgeOne.

Jack Chosnek, PhD, PE, KnowledgeOne: Jack is a consultant in Process Safety Management and Knowledge Management and has over thirty years of experience in the petrochemical industry. He started his career and spent a good part of it with Celanese Chemicals where he held positions in R&D, Pilot Plant Operations, Joint-Venture Projects, Process Safety and Technology Management. Jack successfully implemented OSHA 1910.119 and managed process safety at Celanese's largest site and was part of the corporate steering team that developed the Company's PHA, Risk Assessment/Risk Management, Process Safety Audits and Incident Investigation programs.

He has consulted for companies in the chemical, oil and gas, waste management and mining industries, developing policies and implementing process safety management systems, facilitating PHAs and writing operating procedures. He has developed software for PHA facilitation and Management of Change. Jack has a BS and MS from the Technion—Israel Institute of Technology, and a PhD from the University of Missouri at Rolla, all in Chemical Engineering, as well as an MBA from Texas A&M—Corpus Christi. He is the holder of three patents related to chemical production.

Scott A. Berger is the Director of the Center for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS), an Industrial Technology Alliance of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He holds SB and SM degrees in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has a 27-year career working in and with industry to foster and develop "greener" and "inherently safer" technologies. Scott began his career at Rohm and Haas where he worked in R&D, engineering, production, and Environment, Health and Safety. He then worked at Owens Corning where he held positions in Environment, Health and Safety, including Director of Strategic EHS management, before coming to CCPS. Scott is a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and a member of the Lawrence Township (New Jersey) Community Emergency Response Team.

For additional biographical information on the panel members, see Page 3. For biographical information on Jim Thompson, check the website.

Dinner Registration Information

Complete your dinner reservation online at:

<http://www.sts-aiche.org/reservations/sts-aichereservations.htm>

You may also **cancel a reservation** using this link.

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NEW FEE STRUCTURE

At the last Executive Committee Meeting, the dinner fee structure was revised. The new costs are:

\$25 - With Online Reservation

\$35 - Without reservation

\$15 - With online reservation for unemployed or students

\$25 - Without reservation for unemployed or students

NOTE THAT "RETIRED" IS NO LONGER INCLUDED IN THE DISCOUNTED PRICES.

The fee increase is required to accommodate the increased cost of the meetings, and to encourage use of the online reservation system.

March Location - Brady's Landing Restaurant, 8505 Cypress Street, Houston

The March 2 meeting will be held at Brady's Landing Restaurant. To use your own mapping program for exact directions, the address is 8505 Cypress Street, Houston, Texas 77012. The phone number is (713) 923-9488.

Process Safety Forum FAQ

Is it really free to attend the Forum?

Yes. The Forum is hosted by our own South Texas Section. There is no cost to attend.

Can I attend the Forum then leave?

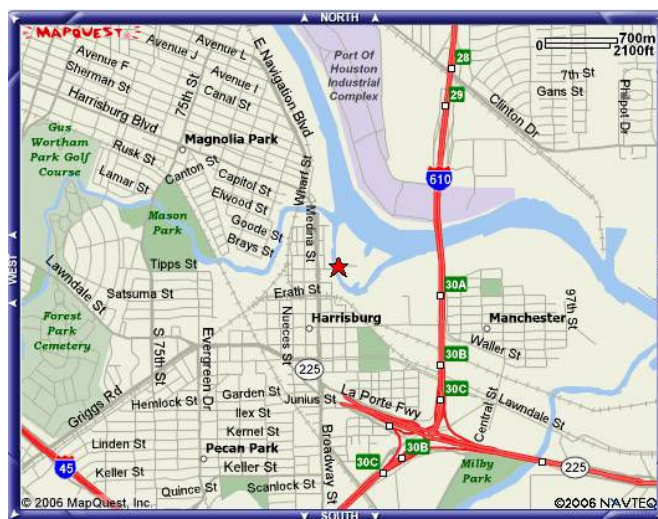
Yes.

Is registration required for the Safety Forum?

No. A sign in sheet will be provided at the door.

Can I just come to the dinner?

Yes. The costs are as shown above.



What about the Dinner Speaker?

Scott Berger, the Director of CCPS (Center for Chemical Process Safety) will present additional thoughts on the subject of Process Safety. Stay after the Forum for a delicious meal, camaraderie, and additional discussion on Process Safety.

Additional Biographical Information for Process Safety Forum Panel Members

Victor H. Edwards is Process Director for Aker Kvaerner, Inc., 3600 Briarpark Drive, Houston, TX 77042 (713/270-2817; vic.edwards@akerkvaerner.com). Responsible for process safety, Vic has received five DuPont awards for safety and environmental engineering excellence. In 1998, Kvaerner Engineers and Constructors named him employee of the year. Vic has contributed more than sixty publications to the engineering literature. He chaired the 1992 Process Plant Safety Symposium and the 1997 International Plant Operations and Design Conference. Vic received the 2003 Service Award from the Process Safety Center at Texas A & M University, where he chairs the Technical Advisory Committee. Edwards earned his B. A. from Rice University and his Ph. D. from the University of California at Berkeley. A registered professional engineer in Texas, he is an AIChE Fellow, and a member of ACS, AAAS, NFPA, NSPE, and the New York Academy of Sciences.

Tim Overton has over 25 years of experience, almost all at The Dow Chemical Company. He has held key roles such as Chief Process Safety Engineer, Process Engineering Department Manager at the Freeport, TX site, and various manufacturing, process engineering, and project roles associated with power plants within Dow.

He is a Member of CCPS Technical Steering Team, Member of the ACC Process Safety Subgroup, and a Steering Team member of the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center at Texas A&M.

Dr. Kenneth Cox joined the faculty of Rice University in Fall of 2000. He has taught Process and Product Design, Equipment Design and Separations Technology, Process Control, and Chemical Engineering Laboratory. His research interests include colloidal dynamics and stability, phase equilibria of complex systems, applications of molecular simulation, and thermodynamics of electrolytes. Prior to joining the faculty at Rice, Dr. Cox taught for 4 years at Ohio State University.

Prior to joining academia, Dr. Cox worked for 17 years as a Research Engineer at Shell Development Company's Westhollow Research Center. Dr. Cox specialized in the areas of colloidal dynamics and stability, phase equilibria of complex systems, applications of molecular simulations, and physical properties for process design.

Dr. Cox is active in AIChE programming at the national level. He was an elected member of the AIChE Area 1a Program Committee (Thermodynamics and Transport Properties Fundamentals) from 1990-1995, spending a term as Chairman. He was also selected as the Chairman of AIChE Programming Group 1 (Fundamentals and Engineering Science). In 1992, Dr Cox co-founded the Discussion Group on Applications of Computational Chemistry with Dr. Paul Matthias. (This group later evolved into ComSEF).

Dr. Cox served for many years as a member of the Editorial Board for *Fluid Phase Equilibria*, an international journal. He is currently a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the American Chemical Society, and the American Society for Engineering Education.

Young Professionals Technical Seminar

"How chemical process simulators are used, for fun and profit"

Chemical process simulators have changed the way engineers solve problems, have increased productivity at the design stage, and allow us to understand and solve problems with existing equipment. We will discuss how simulators are used in various industries, and demonstrate the use of the CHEMCAD Process simulator suite. Some machines will be available (to the side) for attendees that would like to use a simulator hands-on.

Attendees of the Seminar can earn 1 PDH for the Texas Professional Engineer Continuing Education Programs. Remember to track your hours!

Host:	Chemstations	
Cost:	FREE	
Date:	March 22, 2006	
Time:	5:30 – 6:00 PM	Refreshments, snacks, and networking
	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Presentation
Location:	Westchase-Comfort Suites, 2830 Wilcrest Dr., Houston, TX 77042; 713-334-8884	

Reservations are not required, but we would appreciate if you let us know if you plan to attend. Please contact Ryan Brhlik at Chemstations if you have any questions or to RSVP. ryanb@chemstations.net or call (713) 978-7700.

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Download the CEP log form: http://www.sts-aiche.org/xls/STS-AICHE_CEP_Log.xls

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Link to THIS newsletter: http://sts-aiche.org/newsletter/news_06/news0306.pdf

Call for Volunteers - OTC AIChE Sponsor Society Booth

The Offshore Technology Conference is coming to Houston, May 1-4, 2006. It will be held at Reliant Center, downtown Houston.

The South Texas Section has been asked to staff the AIChE Sponsor Society Booth. For agreeing to staff the AIChE booth for one-half (1/2) day, each volunteer will receive:

1. **One Complimentary OTC One Day Pass**
2. **Free Parking for the day served staffing the booth (parking fee receipt required.)**

To volunteer, please contact:

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Call for Volunteers - 2006 OTC Arrangements Conduct Committee

The Offshore Technology Conference is coming to Houston, May 1-4, 2006. It will be held at Reliant Center, downtown Houston.

The AIChE South Texas Section has been selected to staff the 2006 OTC Arrangements Conduct Committee. The Arrangements Committee has similar duties to session aides at our National and Annual AIChE Meetings which are:

- Attend a brief committee meeting with the Arrangements Committee Chair on the day of their assigned session.
- Pick up author and session chairmen gifts in the Speaker Ready Room and deliver to the session room prior to start of session.
- Thirty minutes prior to the start of each session:
 - Introduce themselves to the authors, audio-visual operator and technical session chairmen.
 - Determine that the required audio-visual equipment is available and functioning properly. A list of the equipment will be provided.
 - Familiarize themselves with the lights, maintaining appropriate lighting in the room
 - Direct session attendees to available seating.
- Report any issues regarding lighting, A/V equipment or ventilation to the Speaker Ready Room.
- At the conclusion of the session, return session attendance and A/V evaluation form to the Speaker Ready Room (forms will be supplied in advance).

For agreeing to serve as a member of the OTC Arrangements "Conduct" Committee for one technical session or one-half (1/2) day, each volunteer will receive:

1. **One complimentary OTC Registration**
2. **Complimentary Parking Pass for the OTC with In/Out Privileges**

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From the Editor

The thing I like best about going to AIChE meetings is that they are the one place I can go where there is never a line for the ladies' room.

Thursday nights are not great meeting nights for me, for a variety of reasons. So it is a rare treat when I can get to an AIChE meeting. I'm working on changing that so I can come to them more often.

My schedule worked out so that I was able to attend the February meeting. It was a blast! At first I was concerned at being the only female in the room other than the wait staff. Luckily a coworker showed up (Thanks Bianca!) and that doubled our total to two. I had to wonder where the other women were. Although we may be still be a minority in the engineering world, I'm told that college programs are reaching 50% women. Companies tend to hire equal numbers of men and women these days. I know that I am working with more and more ladies in my own job.

So where were we? How are we going to take over the world if we aren't out there taking it over? Oops, I've exposed our secret! Perhaps for many, like me, Thursday nights just aren't good meeting nights. I have heard a comment that the meetings are too long, and there are children to put to bed. We are working on shortening up the meeting times so that mothers and fathers alike can get home earlier.

This takes me into treacherous waters. It has always been a bane of womanhood to balance work and family, and all the other obligations we seem to find ourselves beholden to. It is hard to get ahead when we give up that extra overtime to attend a softball game. We are finding more fathers doing the same, yet our role as nurturer and caretaker still seems to find priority over career. This is not a bad thing, please don't misunderstand me. I will never think that putting family first is wrong for anyone.

But I would like to offer this suggestion. Sometimes it is good to take some time for ourselves and invest in our careers and our future. It might be difficult for me to get to a meeting, but I am always glad I went. What do I get for my time? Not just a dinner and an interesting discussion, but I meet people. I learn things. I am in a room full of people who don't look cross-eyed when the word "fugacity" is spoken. It keeps me in touch with this magnificent career I have. It reminds me that there are many different jobs that we Chem E's do. At the last meeting, I learned about a potential management training program that my company just may send me to this year. Maybe you'll hear why that former co-worker *really* left the company. You never know – a dinner table companion could very well be your next client! Or Boss!

I am extremely shy (believe it or not), so walking into a room full of people I don't know is very intimidating. One reason I haven't been more involved in AIChE since my graduation is that the folks I meet don't seem to really know how to talk to me. I end up sitting there waiting for the speaker, hoping my table will fill up. But lately, since I've volunteered, I've met more AIChE folk. I've worked at my company for 8 years, so I know more people from here. Finally, there are people I know at meetings. Perhaps if I get to attend more of them, I may even venture into the world outside my company!

I'm glad to take the time and do something for me. So come on, ladies, let's pretty up the place! I have been to meetings where we weren't such a minority; I know we can do it! And then we can have our secret take-over-the-world meeting.....

And I promise I won't get too upset if I have to wait in line for the ladies' room.

Susan Cannon, Editor

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2006 AIChE National Leadership Development Conference

The South Texas Section is proud to host the 2006 Leadership Development Conference. The conference brings together the section leaders from all over the country. Various issues concerning nonprofit organizations, the AIChE, and leadership are discussed.

It will be held June 2, 3, and 4 at the Doubletree Guest Suites Houston by the Galleria (5353 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77056). The sponsor is Pete Belmonte of Suez Energy Generation NA. Contact him at 713-636-1022 or peter.belmonte@suezenergyna.com for volunteer opportunities or more information.

Below is the preliminary program for the conference. All content is subject to change.

2006 AIChE Leadership Development Conference

Interim Program

Friday June 2

10:00 – 5:00 LDC Registration / Hotel Check-In
 5:00 – 7:00 Social Hour
 7:00 – 8:30 Dinner
 8:30 – 10:00 Networking Time

Saturday June 3

7:00 – 8:00 Continental Breakfast
 8:00 – 9:30 Update from National AIChE Board
 9:30 – 11:00 Globalization Issues
 11:00 – 12:00 Nonprofit Org Issues
 12:00 – 1:00 Buffet Lunch & Networking
 1:00 – 2:15 Breakout Session I
 2:15 – 3:30 Breakout Session II
 3:45 – 5:00 Breakout Session III
 6:00 – 9:00 Dinner or Astros Game

Breakout Sessions:

Local Section Priorities
 AIChE National Focus Group Results
 Local Section Governance
 DISC review / discussion
 Organizing Fund Raising Activities
 Young Professionals Groups
 Volunteer Recruiting & Management

Sunday June 4

7:30 – 8:00 Continental Breakfast
 8:00 – 9:15 Breakout Session IV
 9:30 – 10:30 Breakout Session V
 10:45 – 12:15 AIChE Local Section Committee

Registration information will be available soon. We will inform you when it is available.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars! Upcoming events are:

March 22	Young Professionals Technical Seminar, How chemical process simulators are used, for fun and profit (See Page 4)
April 6	Energy Forum at Brady's Landing Restaurant
April 7-9	2006 AIChE Southwest Regional Student Conference (See Page 10)
May 1-4	Offshore Technology Conference (Volunteer! See Page 5)
May 4	Dinner meeting: Awards night (Nomination forms, pp. 9-10)
June 2-4	Host National AIChE Leadership Conference (See Page 8. Wait! This IS Page 8!)
September 7	Resume monthly meetings

2005 Annual Awards Nomination Form (Page 1 of 2)

It's nearly awards time! Use this form to nominate a member for the Distinguished Service Award, or the Best Fundamental or Applied Paper Award. Print out this page, complete it, and mail to one of the addresses shown.

AN ONLINE VERSION OF THIS FORM IS COMING SOON! We will let you know when it is available.

South Texas Section – AIChE 2005 Annual Awards Nomination Form

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_____ 2005 STS Best Fundamental Paper Award

_____ 2005 STS Best Applied Paper Award

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2005 Annual Awards Nomination Form (Page 2 of 2)

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The only constant in life..... Newsletter changes!

As part of the communications improvements, the newsletter is switching to another email distribution system. We will no longer be using Topica as the email distributor. You do not have to do anything - your email address has automatically been transferred to the new server.

However, you may need to check your "junk mail" or "spam" folder, as the new sender may not be an approved address in your email address list. If you find the STS-AICHE Newsletter email in such a folder, click on "This is not junk" or "This is not spam" so that the email will be delivered to your Inbox instead.

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2006 Southwest Regional Student Conference

The University of Houston AIChE student chapter will host the 2006 AIChE Southwest Regional Student Conference April 7-9, 2006. The Regional Student Paper and Chem-E-Car Competitions will be held immediately after the Saturday BBQ. Students from each visiting university prepare entries and the winners travel to AIChE's Annual Meeting to compete against the first place winners in AIChE's eight other regions for the top national Prize. Attendees will also be invited to take part in plant and university tours.

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SOUTH TEXAS SECTION MISSION STATEMENT

As a section of AIChE, we serve chemical engineering professionals in the South Texas region through education, professional development, and networking.

Vision 2008

We will become an organization with a strong and active membership. We will accomplish this through:

1. Increasing awareness of the South Texas Section of the AIChE
2. Improving relevancy of our programs
3. Improving our governance
4. Hospitality/Welcome/Social

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