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***** DIERS 2017 and 2018 Annual Dues Are Payable Now *****

DIERS 2018 Spring Meeting

1. The DIERS 2018 Spring meeting will be held on May 7 – 9, 2018 (MONDAY to WEDNESDAY) at the Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Galleria Area, 3201 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056. Call (713) 629-0101 to reserve a room. FAX (713) 629-0102. Room rates for the hotel will be \$169 (single / double) plus six percent state and five percent local tax. Mention DIERS to get our rate. The hotel will hold our block of rooms until **April 20, 2018** (Reserve before this date). Provide the hotel reservations with the group code **DIERS** or the group name DESIGN INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF SYSTEMS. A credit card will be required to register at the hotel. Refunds will be made on reservations canceled more than 24 hours prior to the confirmed arrival date.

NOTE: Internet access in guest and meeting rooms is complimentary. A \$10 discounted parking fee is available for meeting attendees and hotel overnight guests. Complimentary shuttle service is available within a three mile radius of the hotel. A fitness center and pool are available for hotel guests.

Attendance at this and future DIERS meetings is limited to those who have paid their yearly DIERS dues before or at the time of registration for the DIERS meeting. Registration for and payment of the actual cost of the meeting by DIERS (dues paying) members will be accomplished using the DIERS website with credit card payment. The daily fee to attend the meeting will be \$125 and includes a continental breakfast, coffee breaks, lunch, and meeting expenses (such as meeting room rental and audio/visual charges). Our catering contract must be guaranteed to the hotel **NLT** May 2 (Wednesday). There will be no refund after that date since DIERS has to pay the guarantee. The link to the AIChE credit card payment system will be on the www.aiche.org/diers webpage. Use the REGISTER NOW Link for both registration and payment of meeting fees or call AIChE Customer Service at 1-800-242-4363.

Members attending the October meeting will receive a copy of the 1st (1995), 2nd (1998) and 3rd (2005) "International Symposium on Runaway Reactions, Pressure Relief Design, and Effluent Handling" books containing over 2,000 pages of timeless papers by noted experts. One book (attendee selection) will be distributed for each day of paid attendance. Already have the books? Consider donating your copies to a colleague, your university or the company library.

The minutes for the DIERS 2017 Fall meeting have been posted on the website.

Professional Development Credits for attendance at DIERS meetings are available upon request.

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
5 / 7 / 18 (Mon)	8:00-5:00	Mathematical Modeling of ERS Design
5 / 8 / 18 (Tue)	8:00-5:00	Business Meeting / Committee Reports / Technical Presentations
5 / 9 / 18 (Wed)	8:00-3:00	Analytical ERS Design / Testing Methodology

2. Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair, and the six Operating Committee positions will be held during the January 1 – 31, 2018 voting period for positions to be filled in February 2018. See the candidate professional biographies, position statements and other information and the ballot process and voting information on the www.aiche.org/diers website at the ELECTIONS Link.

3. DIERS 2018 Emergency Relief System Design Courses (www.aiche.org/diers) COURSES LINK

BASIC Course:	May 15 – 16	Chicago, IL
	October 2 – 4	Houston, TX
ADVANCED Course:	June 25 - 27	Atlanta, GA
	October 23 – 25	Houston, TX

4. The 2nd Edition (April 2017) of the “Guidelines for Pressure Relief and Effluent Handling Systems” has been published by CCPS, AIChE, and DIERS. Go to www.aiche.org/ccps Scroll down the page. Click on the book picture link. The page with the purchase details will open. The book retails for \$320 with a 35 percent discount for AIChE members.

Software having estimated development costs of approximately \$3MM is included with the book to include the legacy CCFLOW and TPHEM programs and well as the new SuperChems for DIERS Lite program, which contains a large physical property data base. The software will can be downloaded to WINDOWS XP, 7, 8, 8.1 and 10 operating systems configured as 32 or 64 bit systems.

BOOK Errata: Send an E-Mail to fisherhg@suddenlink.net with specific replacement text.

5. Member Information / Access to Website

Changed Jobs? Retired? Failed to list your place of employment? Listed your home phone number as your primary contact? Members should call AIChE customer service at 1-800-242-4363 and request changes to their contact information as necessary. Registration Information from one year to the following year is just carried over and NOT necessarily updated unless specifically requested.

Dues-paying members should have received an E-mail with a temporary password and instructions as how to register on the website for access to the meeting minutes and presentations. Send an E-Mail or call if you have not received the registration instructions or have access problems.

6. I look forward to greeting all members in Houston in May.

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Chair, DIERS