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DIERS 2018 Fall Meeting

* DIERS DUES ARE DUE EVERY 365 Days. THE MEETING AGENDA IS POSTED ON THE www.aiche.org/diers WEBSITE *

1. The DIERS 2018 Fall meeting will be held on October 15 - 17, 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 **September 30, 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** October 10, 2018 (Wednesday). There will be no refunds after that date since DIERS has to pay the guarantee. The link to the AICHE credit card payment system is 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.

The minutes for the DIERS 2018 Spring 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>
10 / 15 / 18 (Mon)	8:00-5:00	Mathematical Modeling of ERS Design
10 / 16 / 18 (Tue)	8:00-5:00	Business Meeting / Committee Reports / Technical Presentations

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

BASIC Course: October 2 – 4 Houston, TX

ADVANCED Course: October 23 – 25 Houston, TX

3. 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.

CAUTION: Any books offered online at cut rate prices are being fraudulently offered and do not contain the software authentication key associated with legitimate sales. If the price is too good to be true, it is a fraud. All software copies are registered and authentication keys are only provided for official AIChE / WILEY sales.

CAUTION: A DIERS SuperChems™ computer program being offered on line at cut rate prices is also a fraud. No authentication key is provided. An annual maintenance fee is also required to be paid for official registered copies. Previous dongles must be renewed every 365 days for the software to continue to work.

4. 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.

5. Joint DIERS 2019 Meeting in Karlsruhe (Germany) (Information on Website)

A joint DIERS meeting is planned for May 22 – 24 in Germany. US participants would fly overnight to Germany on May 20 (Monday) and return to the US on the morning of May 25 (Saturday). The meeting will be sponsored. US participants would be responsible for US domestic, international, and German domestic travel. A detailed communication will be sent shortly. A count at the DIERS Spring meeting (45 Attendance) and a recent E-Mail Survey (10 % Response) indicated a projected attendance of 25. US DIERS attendance at the two recent European meetings (Lesser and Rembe) was 50.

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

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Chair, DIERS