

January 20, 2015

DIERS Members:

1. DIERS MEMBERSHIP and 2015 DUES PAYMENT

The reorganization of the DIERS Users Group within the AIChE has resulted in a change to a Technical Entity called "DIERS". The basis for membership in DIERS has been changed from CORPORATE REPRESENTATION to INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP. Eligibility for membership in DIERS is contained in the new Bylaws, which are posted under MEMBERSHIP on the www.aiche.org/diers website. Individual membership requires a yearly payment of \$25 directly to AIChE for the benefit of DIERS.

For payment of CY 2015 DIERS Dues:

- A. Select DIERS membership and include \$25 for DIERS Dues when you register / renew your annual AIChE membership by Mail or E-Mail solicitation.
- B. Call AIChE Customer Service at 1-800-242-4363 and request to pay your AIChE and / or DIERS dues by credit card.
- C. Go to the www.aiche.org/diers website and use the links to "JOIN AIChE & DIERS" for \$25 (Already an AIChE Member or are applying for joint membership) or only "Join DIERS Only" (Not also AIChE Membership) for \$75.

NOTE: Use the country of residence link to determine your cost of AIChE Membership.

Attendance at future DIERS meetings will be limited to those who have paid their DIERS dues before or at the time of registration for the DIERS meeting.

The present website access to the restricted / confidential information (Meeting Minutes / Membership Lists) has been cancelled. New access and passwords will be issued to the newly registered DIERS Members.

NOTE: DIERS will be undertaking many new Initiatives, Activities, and Special (Funded) and General (Unfunded) Projects. There will be many opportunities for all to suggest, participate, champion, and lead these activities. Corporate suggestions for new funded and unfunded initiatives and projects are welcomed and are being solicited.

All are encourage all to become DIERS Members and to become involved with and participate in the many activities of the new DIERS.

2. DIERS WEBSITE PASSWORD INFORMATION – E-MAIL TO BE SEND TO DUES PAYING MEMBERS

Your account on www.ioxpress.com/diers has been created. Your username is your email address. Your default password is "diers1234". After you login with your username and default password, you will be asked to change your password. The new password must be eight characters minimum and must have at least one number and one special character. After you change your password, a security token code will be sent to your email. Please enter the token code and click next to enter the website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tao Yao (yao@iomosaic.com).

If you wish for the token code to be sent to your cell phone, please edit your user profile (The profile link is located on the top right corner of the page after you login) to include the cell phone number. Use the + sign for international cell phone numbers. Once that is done, send an email to support@iomosaic.com requesting the token method change.

Note both the user name and password are case sensitive.

While on the DIERS website, check that the membership information that you submitted to AIChE customer service for corrections.

NOTE: DIERS will be contacting you by E-Mail about four times before each meeting or by telephone if the furnished E-Mail rejects. Consider changing your contact information to a complete business name, business address, business E-Mail, and business telephone number to prevent contacts to your home during US business hours. Contact AIChE customer service at 1-800-242-4363 or by E-Mail and request any required corrections or changes.

3. DIERS ELECTIONS (February 2015)

The reorganization of DIERS requires new elections for Chair, Vice-Chair / Secretary, and seven Operating Committee positions with specific responsibilities and duties. Candidates eligible to run for a position must be Senior Members or Fellows of AIChE and DIERS Members (see the Bylaws for the requirements and exceptions to hold elective office). The nominees, their bios, and position statements are posted under ELECTIONS at the www.aiche.org/diers website.

Voting will be by the DIERS Membership during the period February 1 - 28, 2015. Elections will be by electronic ballot using the www.aiche.org/diers website. The ballot will open on February 1. Anyone who has paid dues by February 28 is eligible to vote.

4. 2015 GLOBAL CONGRESS ON PROCESS SAFETY

DIERS (Wayne Chastain) along with chairs for the individual sessions will oversee a seven session track (27 papers) at the 2015 Global Congress on Process Safety in Austin, TX during the period Monday April 28 - Thursday April 30. The tentative program is shown under MEETINGS on the www.aiche.org/diers website.

The final program, registration materials and fees are shown in AIChE advertising in links on the DIERS website. Registration and payment for the meeting will be directly with AIChE. NOTE: There is only one registration fee to attend the AIChE Spring meeting or the GCPS sessions. Registration for special events is separate. You do not have to be a DIERS dues paying member to attend any portion of this meeting.

5. 2015 JOINT US - EUROPEAN DIERS MEETING

The 2nd Joint US - European DIERS Meeting will be held in Düsseldorf, Germany during the period June 10 - 12, 2015 and is hosted and sponsored by Rembe GmbH.

MEETING PROGRAM AND DETAILS:

- A. June 10 - Hosted Technical Meeting (Coffee Breaks and Lunch) (8:30 am - 5:00 pm).
- B. June 10 - Typical German Dinner - Famous Brewery Restaurant Urge in Historical District (€40) (7:30 pm).
- C. June 11 - Hosted Technical Meeting (Coffee Breaks and Lunch) (8:30 am - 5:00 pm).
- D. June 11 - Hosted Conference Dinner - Exclusive Maritime Hotel Restaurant (7:30 pm).
- E. June 12 - Hosted Bus Tour to Billon and Guided Visit through Rembe GmbH facilities (Manufacturing and Live Rupture Disk Demonstrations) (Coffee Breaks and Lunch) (7:30 am - 6:00 pm).

Members of the European DIERS Users Group will register with the convener (juergen.schmidt@onlinehome.de) and submit presentation proposals to him.

U.S. DIERS (Dues-paying) Members will register for the meeting with the Chair (Harold G. Fisher, (304) 776-6371, fisherhg@suddenlink.net) and submit proposals to presentation to him. **All proposals to present must be received by February 13, 2015** (Hard deadline).

Presentations slots by all will be limited to a total of approximately 18-20 papers divided between the two groups. Presentations will last 20 minutes with 10 minutes allowed for questions and discussion.

Some meeting information will be posted under MEETINGS on the www.aiche.org/diers website. Additional information will be sent by Jorgen Schmidt, Harold G. Fisher, and Rembe, GmbH (the meeting sponsor) to those DIERS Members expressing an interest in attending the meeting.

- A. Participants will be notified on their meeting invitation status and presentation approval.
- B. Participants must make all meeting, travel and hotel arrangements upon notification of attendance approval.

- C. Participants will register directly with the meeting hotel in Dusseldorf after the master attendance list has been submitted to the hotel. Unless making individual arrangements for before or after the joint meeting, the hotel accommodations should be for four nights (Tuesday June 9 - Friday June 12, check-out on Saturday June 13) and must be booked by **March 13, 2015**.
- D. Unless making individual arrangements for before or after the joint meeting, flights to Dusseldorf should arrive on Tuesday June 9 and depart on Saturday June 13. Best to fly directly to Düsseldorf.

ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL OPPORTUNITY:

ACHEMA takes place in Frankfurt, Germany during the period June 15 - 19, 2015 during the week following the DIERS Meeting. Free access (Up to two 1-day tickets) can be ordered by US DIERS Members who attend the Joint Meeting. Individual participation - ALL travel, transportation and housing arrangements must be arranged by those who will attend ACHEMA.

6. ADVANCED EMERGENCY RELIEF SYSTEM DESIGN USING DIERS TECHNOLOGY COURSE

The subject course will be offered during the period March 3-5, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Houston Hotel.

See the "COURSES" link at the www.aiche.org/diers website for details and registration information.

7. 2015 SEMI-ANNUAL FALL DIERS MEETING

The 2015 semi-annual Fall DIERS Meeting will be open to all DIERS Members and will occur during the period late September to early November at a venue in Houston, TX. Daily hotel meeting expenses will be approximately \$125 per day and will be payable directly to AIChE using the www.aiche.org/diers website link, which will be posted and activated later this year. A call for papers for this meeting will also be issued later this year.

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