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DIERS Members

1. The Fall 2014 DIERS meeting will be held on October 13 - 15, 2014 (MONDAY to WEDNESDAY) at the Holiday Inn Downtown Historic District Mobile, 301 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36603 Call (251) 694-0100 to reserve a room. www.holidayinn.com FAX (251) 694-0160 Room rates for the hotel will be \$109 (single / double) plus 14 percent state and local tax. Guest room rates will be extended for three days before and after the meeting. Mention the DIERS to get our rate. The hotel will hold our block of rooms until September 29, 2014 (Reserve before this date). A credit card will be required to register at the hotel and the first night room charge will apply. Refunds will be made on reservations canceled more than 72 hours prior to confirmed arrival date.

NOTE: Internet access in guest rooms is complimentary. Free parking is available at the hotel. If you have been charged for parking on your reservation, call the hotel and ask that the charge be removed. Complimentary shuttle service is available within a three mile radius of the hotel.

Registration for and payment of the actual cost of the meeting by company representatives and guests will be accomplished using the AIChE website and submission of a credit card. We no longer collect monies and pay for the meeting expenses on site. The daily fee to attend the meeting will be \$125 and includes a continental breakfast, coffee breaks, lunch, meeting room rental and audiovisual charges. Our catering contract must be guaranteed to the hotel NLT October 7 (Tuesday). No refund after that date since the DUG has to pay the guarantee. The link to the AIChE credit card payment system is at the top of the www.aiche.org/diers webpage. Use the REGISTER NOW link for both registration and payment of the fees, which cover the expenses, for the meeting.

Transportation from the airport to the Holiday Inn is by taxi at a rate of \$35. Taxis are normally available at the airport. If not, go to the customer service desk and they will arrange for a taxi from the airport to downtown

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
10 / 13 / 14 (Mon)	8:00-5:15	Mathematical Modeling of ERS Designs
10 / 13 / 14 (Mon)	6:30-8:30	Mobile Carnival (Mardi Gras) Museum Tour and Buffet Supper Hosted by Hargrove Engineers & Constructors
10 / 14 / 14 (Tue)	8:00-5:00	Business Meeting / Committee Reports / Technical Presentations / DIERS Organization
10 / 14 / 14		No Group Dinner (Informal groups formed at meeting)
10 / 15 / 14 (Wed)	8:00-3:00	ERS Design / Testing Methodology

The DIERS Fall meeting agenda has been posted to the www.aiche.org/diers website.

The DUG Spring meeting minutes have also been posted to the website

2. DIERS in 2015 will become a Technical Entity of AIChE. The membership basis will change from corporate representatives to individual associations. The requirements for the individual associations will include a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics) college degree and an interest in emergency relief system design.

A nominal annual dues structure will be implemented. All dues, whenever paid, will be on an annual basis and applicable to calendar year 2015. Dues for members of AIChE will be \$25 and for non-members of AIChE will be \$75. Dues are payable prior to attendance at a DIERS meeting. Monies collected from dues will be for the benefit of DIERS. Details will be announced by separate correspondence and will not affect attendance at the upcoming Fall meeting. Guest attendance will be welcome at the Fall meeting by registering for the meeting using the AIChE website.

New initiatives and research will be undertaken as well as reorganization of the semi-annual meetings. A new leadership and committee structure will be implemented and elected. Participation opportunities will be widened and thus increased.

The new DIERS (Technical Entity) Bylaws are posted on the DIERS website.

Payment of the DIERS dues can be made by mail, by calling AIChE customer service (1-600-242-4363) or online by using the links at www.aiche.org/diers.

3. I look forward to greeting all in Mobile in October as we reorganize and expand participation in DIERS.

Harold G. Fisher
Chair, DIERS