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**DIERS Users Group Members**

1. The Spring 2009 DIERS Users Group meeting will be held on March 23-25 (Monday to Wednesday) at the Embassy Suites International Drive / Jamaican Court, 8250 Jamaican Court, Orlando, FL 32819-9397, 1-800-327-9797 (8 AM to 4 PM, M - F) or (407) 345-8250, [www.orlandoembassysuites.com](http://www.orlandoembassysuites.com) (Check out the website). Suites (bedroom plus separate living room) rates for the hotel will be \$145 (single / double) plus 12.5 percent local tax and will apply from Wednesday (3 / 20) to Saturday (3 / 30). Mention the DIERS Users Group to get our rate. The hotel will hold our block of suites until February 21, 2009. A credit card will be required to register at the hotel. Cancellation less than 72 hours before the scheduled arrival date will incur one night's room charge. Reserve early and cancel if necessary.

NOTE: The above rate includes a cooked-to-order breakfast and complimentary cocktails, beer, and wine from 5:30-7:30 pm each day. A complimentary shuttle is available throughout the day and evening to Universal Studios, Sea World, and Wet and Wild.

Meeting charges are expected to be approximately \$70 – 75 / day to cover cost of lunches, coffee breaks, audiovisual and rental of the meeting room. Please bring sufficient cash.

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
3 / 23 / 09 (Mon)	8:00-5:00	Mathematical Modeling of ERS Design
3 / 24 / 09 (Tue)	8:00-5:00	Business Meeting / Committee Reports / Technical Presentations
3 / 24 / 09 (Tue)	7:00-9:00	Group Dinner
3 / 25 / 09 (Wed)	8:00-3:00	ERS Design / Testing Methodology

Registration for the meeting will be by internet: [www.aiche.org/diers](http://www.aiche.org/diers) Please complete the registration form to update your contact information if you plan or do not plan to attend the meeting.

**Speakers and Tutorials are needed for all three dates.** I need to issue the agenda by the end of January, so please respond ASAP. Call (304) 776-6371 or E-mail fisherhg@suddenlink.net to arrange a presentation. Include Title, Duration, Speakers, and Desired Dates / Times.

NOTE: If you register for the meeting and do not cancel by Wednesday (3 / 18 / 09), you will be expected to pay the meeting charges since the DUG must guarantee a fixed amount and pay the hotel.

NOTE: Making early flight arrangements is important to find the best prices and available seats on desirable flights.

2. CCPS Guidelines Book Revision Meeting:

A group of volunteers is working to revise the CCPS book "Guidelines for Pressure Relief and Effluent Handling Systems". The group will meet at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Wednesday (3 / 25) – 3-5, Thursday (3 / 26) – 8-5, and Friday (3 / 27) – 8-3 (or later depending upon early or late travel). Those affected should register for this portion of the DUG meeting using the registration form.

3. In accordance with the bylaws, the membership is notified that Harold G. Fisher and Robert N. D'Alessandro were reelected as Chair and Secretary / Treasurer, respectively, at the 2008 San Antonio meeting.

4. Experimental and Computational Round-Robins:

Information will be posted on the DUG website under ROUND-ROBINS.

5. The MINUTES of the 2008 Fall San Antonio meeting of the Diers Users Group have been posted.

6. AIChE / ASME / DIERS Continuing Education Course:

Course: Emergency Relief System (ERS) Design Using DIERS Technology

Dates: March 2-4 (M-W), 2009

Location: Omni Houston Hotel (Westside), Houston, TX

Instructors: James E. Huff and D. Arthur Shaw

See the link to the ASME Course Catalog on the website for more detail.

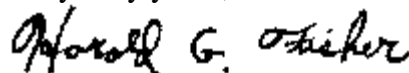
There were two public courses taught in 2008. Send your people that require training to the public courses or arrange for an in-house course at your location. Note: Sometimes companies and / or an AIChE section arrange a joint in-house presentation to have sufficient students to justify a local presentation.

7. The DIERS Users Group Member Company and Company Representative Lists have been updated and posted on the website. Review your information to ensure that it is correct.

8. Thanks to Baker Engineering & Risk Consultants, Inc. for the support and tour of their Shock Tube Experimental Site. Thanks also to Marc Levin and Peter Ralbovsky for serving as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, during the San Antonio meeting.

9. I look forward to greeting all company representatives in Orlando, FL in March 2009.

Very truly yours,



Harold G. Fisher

Chair, DIERS Users Group