

Non-AIChE Members who participate in the DIERS Users Group

Because you have been an active member of the DIERS community I wanted to share with you important news that will positively impact DIERS and the work we do. The AIChE Board of Directors has given approval to transform the structure of DIERS into an individual membership entity. The 2015 AIChE dues invoices, mailed in early August, contained a notice of this change.

What does this mean for you?

As a participant in the DIERS community you will see tighter integration with the overall membership stream of AIChE. That automatically enlarges the audience of potential members and people to work on projects and plan and attend DIERS meetings. While the Fall DIERS meeting will be held as a stand-alone meeting, the Spring 2015 meeting will be integrated with the Global Congress on Process Safety. The Global Congress has become the largest conference in the world focused on process safety and its 1,000 plus attendees all work with emergency relief systems in some capacity.

As part of this integration we will continue taking reservations for the DIERS meetings though the AIChE website, which we started doing last year. In 2015 you will need to be a member of DIERS to register for the meeting at the low member rate. Those savings are far greater than the nominal dues (\$75) that will be collected for DIERS membership and will be used to support DIERS and its programs. If you choose to become a member of AIChE you will pay just \$25 in DIERS dues and obtain all the benefits of being an AIChE member (Learn more about the benefits of AIChE membership at <http://www.aiche.org/community/membership/benefits>).

Joining DIERS is easy. Just visit www.aiche.org/diers and follow the prompts to become a member. If you have already attended a DIERS meeting and registered via the AIChE website, you can use the profile you already created to enter the system. You can also join AIChE.

This change holds the promise of transforming DIERS and revitalizing its mission. I look forward to you joining us in that endeavor.

Sincerely,

Harold G. Fisher
Chair, DIERS

P.S. The Fall DIERS meeting will take place October 13-15 in Mobile, AL.

Visit www.aiche.org/diers for more details and to register. Be sure to renew your DIERS membership while you are there.