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

A joint DIERS meeting is planned for May 22 (W) – 24 (F) 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 Hotel Accommodations and Catering will be sponsored. US participants would be responsible for US domestic, international, and German domestic travel plus incidentals. Details of the meeting can be found at the following links:

[3rd Joint Meeting of the US DIERS and European DIERS User Group](#)

[Welcome to the Joint DIERS Meeting 2019 in Karlsruhe \(Germany\)](#)

[2019 Joint Meeting Registration Form](#)

[2019 Joint Meeting Hotel and Travel Details](#)

Please submit your request to present and abstract to [juergen.schmidt@cse-institute.de](mailto:juergen.schmidt@cse-institute.de), [wood@fauske.com](mailto:wood@fauske.com), and [fisherhg@suddenlink.net](mailto:fisherhg@suddenlink.net). Accepted presentations will be divided between European and US DIERS members. If not selected for presentation in Europe, your proposed presentation will receive priority for acceptance at the Fall DIERS Meeting.

Professional Development Credits for attendance for DIERS meetings are available upon request.

2. CCPS / DIERS "Guidelines for Pressure Relief and Effluent Handling Systems" Book and Software

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (April 2017) of the “Guidelines for Pressure Relief and Effluent Handling Systems” has been published by CCPS, AIChE, DIERS and Wiley. Go to [www.aiche.org/ccps](http://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 \$3M 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.

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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.

3. DIERS 2019 Emergency Relief System Design Courses ([www.aiche.org/diers](http://www.aiche.org/diers)) at COURSES LINK

BASIC Course:                    May 6 - 8                    New Orleans, LA

   September 24 - 26       Houston, TX

ADVANCED Course:    December 9-11           Houston, TX

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. DIERS Dues

The AIChE and DIERS membership annual dues solicitation occurs in early August. Qualified persons with a STEM degree are invited to consider membership in the Design Institute for Emergency Relief Systems (DIERS). DIERS dues cover a 365 day period and are payable at the [www.aiche.org/diers](http://www.aiche.org/diers) website or by calling AIChE Customer Service at 1-800-242-4363. DIERS dues must be current to attend DIERS meetings.

If you have paid your DIERS dues within the past few months, thank you for your continued support of and participation in DIERS. If you have not yet paid DIERS dues, please reconsider your support and participation in DIERS by registering for and attending the DIERS Spring Joint meeting in Germany during the period May 22 - 25, 2019 featuring a visit to the CSE (Center for Safety Excellence) large-scale testing facility and / or the DIERS Fall meeting in Chicago during the period September 16 - 18, 2019 featuring a visit to the FAI offices and laboratory facilities.

6. I look forward to greeting all members in Germany in May.

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