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**DIERS 2019 Fall Meeting**

**\*\*\* CALL FOR MEETING ABSTRACTS POSTED ON THE [www.aiche.org/diers](http://www.aiche.org/diers) WEBSITE \*\*\***

1. The DIERS 2019 Fall meeting will be held on SEPTEMBER 16 - 18, 2019 (MONDAY to WEDNESDAY) at the Marriott Chicago Southwest Hotel at Burr Ridge, 1200 Burr Ridge Parkway, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. website: [www.marriott.com/CHISW](http://www.marriott.com/CHISW) Call (630) 986-4299 to reserve a room. FAX (630) 986-4100. Room rates for the hotel will be (\$169 single / \$199 double) plus eleven percent state and local tax. These room rates (limited number of rooms) will apply three days before and after the meeting. Mention DIERS User Group to get our rate. The hotel will hold our block of rooms until Tuesday **AUGUST 27, 2019** (Reserve before this date). A credit card will be required to register at the hotel. Refunds will be made on reservations canceled more than 48 hours prior to the confirmed arrival date.

NOTE: DIERS had to make a take or pay guarantee to the hotel for a number of rooms. Meeting attendee traveling to Burr Ridge should make every effort to stay at the meeting hotel.

NOTE: Internet access in guest rooms is complimentary. Hotel parking is free. A fitness center and indoor pool are available for hotel guests.

Attendance at this and future DIERS meetings is limited to those who have paid their yearly (365 day) DIERS dues before or at the time of registration for the DIERS meeting. Registration for and payment of the actual cost of the meeting by DIERS (dues paying) members will be accomplished using the DIERS website with credit card payment. The daily fee to attend the meeting will be \$150 and includes a continental breakfast, coffee breaks, lunch, and meeting expenses (such as meeting room rental and audio/visual charges). Our catering contract must be guaranteed to the hotel **NLT** September 11, 2019 (Wednesday). There will be no refund after that date since DIERS has to pay the guarantee. The link to the AIChE credit card payment system will be on the [www.aiche.org/diers](http://www.aiche.org/diers) webpage. Use the REGISTER NOW Link for both registration and payment of meeting fees or call AIChE Customer Service at 1-800-242-4363.

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

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
9 / 16 / 19 (Mon)	8:00-5:00	Mathematical Modeling of ERS Design
9 / 17 / 19 (Tue)	8:00-5:00	Business Meeting / Committee Reports /

Technical Presentations / FAI Lunch and Lab Tours

9 / 18 / 19 (Wed) 8:00-3:00 Analytical ERS Design / Testing Methodology

The minutes for the DIERS Spring 2019 Spring meeting will be posted to the DIERS website ASAP.

2. Meeting Sponsor

Fauske & Associates, LLC will in part sponsor the meeting. There will be a picnic lunch on Tuesday noon on the FAI campus. Educational tours of the FAI Dust, Thermal Hazards (Calorimetric), Thermal Hydraulics, and Flammability Laboratories will occur Tuesday afternoon. Buses will provide transportation from the meeting hotel to FAI and back.

3. Travel from Airports to and from Burr Ridge Hotel

A standard taxi will charge \$70 each way. American Taxi has flat rates. They charge \$38 from O'Hare airport and \$30 from Midway airport to a specific address in Burr Ridge. Pickups can be arranged on their website [www.americantaxi.com](http://www.americantaxi.com) or by phone at (847) 673-1000 / (800) 305-0700 (See website for details).

4. DIERS 2018 Emergency Relief System Design Courses ([www.aiche.org/diers](http://www.aiche.org/diers)) "COURSE"S Link

BASIC Course: September 24 – 26 Houston, TX

ADVANCED Course: December 9 – 11 Houston, TX

5. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (April 2017) of the “Guidelines for Pressure Relief and Effluent Handling Systems” has been published by CCPS, AIChE, and DIERS. Go to [www.aiche.org/ccps](http://www.aiche.org/ccps). Click on the following links in succession: "Events and Resources", "Publications", Scroll down the page, "Get this BOOK". 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 \$3MM 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.

BOOK Errata: Send an E-Mail to [fisherhg@suddenlink.net](mailto:fisherhg@suddenlink.net) with specific replacement text.

6. 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 website access problems.

7. I look forward to greeting all members in Chicago in September.

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Chair, DIERS