

AIChE Chicago

January 2025 Newsletter

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Joint ACS/AIChE Chicago January Meeting

Solving Big Problems with Small Things: Smart and Programmable Crystalline Sponges



Professor Omar K. Farha

Professor in Chemistry at Northwestern University

Executive Editor for ACS Applied Materials Interfaces

President at Numat Technologies

Date: **Thursday, January 16, 2025**

Location: [Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center Pavilion](#)

6100 N Central Ave, Chicago, IL 60646

Cost: **\$35 ACS / AIChE Member**

\$40 Non-member

\$20 Student/Postdoc

\$0 Virtual Only

Registration and Information: <https://cvent.me/OD2GqZ>

Agenda:

5:45 - 6:20 PM	Check-in and Social Hour with Presentation of Chapter Histories
6:20 - 7:15 PM	Dinner
7:15 - 7:30 PM	Joint Section Announcements
7:30 - 8:30 PM	Presentation and Q&A
8:30 - 8:35 PM	Closing Remarks



Chair's Corner

Happy New Year Chicago Local Section! I hope everyone had time to recharge over the holidays and spend quality time with family and friends.

I want to thank our members and volunteers for three excellent monthly meetings in 2024, including tours of PSRI's Chicago Facility, CITGO's Lemont Refinery, and Honeywell UOP's Riverside Pilot Plant. The Section leadership is very encouraged by the strong meeting attendance and engagement by our members so far this programming year. Let's continue the trend in 2025!

Looking ahead, we have our joint monthly meeting with ACS Chicago coming up in just over a week, additional facility tours in the works for February and March, and the Midwest Region Conference in April. We'll then cap off the programming year with the Centennial Celebration in May.

I would like to highlight a change to our monthly meeting cancellation policy that was voted on during the December Board of Directors meeting. The BOD is committed to ensuring the continued financial health of the Section, particularly with the downward trend in dues-paying CLS members. As a result, the BOD has been taking steps to help ensure we break even (on average) for the monthly meetings. We have therefore decided to revise the cancellation policy to (1) not offer refunds for cancellations less than 24 hours in advance of a meeting or for no-shows, (2) not offer refunds to those who register with the steeply discounted student rate, and (3) assess a \$5 cancellation fee for cancellations (except student cancellations) made more than 24 hours in advance of a meeting. This revised policy will help defray the cost transaction fees, discourage cancellations after food has been ordered, and allow us to provide accurate headcounts to host companies/meeting venues. Please reach out with any questions or concerns on the revised policy.

Lastly, I'd like to remind everyone that we are looking for volunteers for the 2025-2026 programming year. CLS positions can be found on our [website](#). If you're interested, or have any nominations, please reach out to me at chair@aichechicago.org.

Looking forward to 2025!

Matt Walters

AIChE Chicago Section Chair 2024-2025

P.S...don't forget to pay your 2025 CLS dues!



January Meeting Information

Solving Big Problems with Small Things: Smart and Programmable Crystalline Sponges

Biography:

Omar K. Farha is the Charles E. and Emma H. Morrison Professor in Chemistry at Northwestern University, an Executive Editor for ACS Applied Materials Interfaces, and President of Numat Technologies. His current research spans diverse areas of chemistry and materials science ranging from energy to defense-related challenges. Specifically, his research focuses on the rational design of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) for applications sensing, catalysis, storage, separations, and water purification.

His research accomplishments have been recognized by several awards and honors including the Herman Pines Award, Fellowship of the European Academy of Sciences, the Kuwait Prize, Japanese Society of Coordination Chemistry International Award for Creative Work, the Environment, Sustainability and Energy Division Early Career Award of the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Satinder Ahuja Award for Young Investigators in Separation Science of the American Chemical Society (ACS), and the Emerging Researcher Award of the ACS ENFL Division. In addition, a special award was established by the Department of Chemistry at Northwestern University in his honor: the Omar Farha Award for Research Leadership which is "awarded for stewardship, cooperation and leadership in the finest pursuit of research in chemistry" and given annually to an outstanding research scientist working in the department.



Prof. Farha has more than 670 peer-reviewed publications, holds 17 patents, has 108,000 citations, an h-index of 164 (Google Scholar), and has been named a "Highly Cited Researcher" from 2014 to 2024.

Abstract:

Eighty years ago, few people in the world had heard of polymers. But in the late 1930s, one polymer—nylon—became a household word in just a few months. While nylon took the stockings market by storm, the progression toward polymers becoming ubiquitous in clothing and beyond in kitchenware, electronics, building materials, medicine, and more—took decades. We now know that polymers were one of the materials that characterized the 20th century.

Looking ahead, metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), or smart and programmable sponges, are poised to be a defining material of the 21st century. Though this class of multidimensional crystalline materials is still in its early stages, 50 years from now they will be an ever-present part of human life just as polymers are today. MOFs are a class of porous materials that we can think of as nano-sized Tinker Toy assemblies that repeat in periodic arrays. Researchers around the world have explored the relevance of MOFs for applications including, but not limited to, drug delivery, water harvesting, gas storage, separations, and destruction of nerve agents. Importantly, start-up companies have recently undertaken MOF commercialization within industrial sectors. This talk will focus on metal-organic frameworks as the enabling materials for environmental applications from Basic Science to Implementation and Commercialization.

Registration: <https://cvent.me/y3OYAP>

AIChE Chicago Centennial Celebration

The Chicago Section was the first section in AIChE, and this 2024-2025 programming year will mark its 100-year anniversary! Please view [our website](#) to read more about our past.

The centennial will be recognized throughout the year with special monthly meeting arrangements and of course a big party to celebrate so stay tuned! The newsletter will also feature guest articles and other snippets of history which we hope you will enjoy.

AIChE Chicago History - Intersociety Collaboration and Joint Meeting with Chicago ACS

by Janet Werner

For as long as I can remember, there has always been a joint meeting with Chicago ACS and AIChE Chicago. I decided to research the history of this annual joint meeting, and was surprised to find out that it was a relatively recent tradition in our Centennial history.

Throughout our 100 years, there have been many joint meetings and collaborations with ACS or other technical societies. AIChE Chicago participated in several interdisciplinary engineering councils over the years, including Chicago Technical Societies Council and Illinois Engineering Council, which appear to be disbanded. A notable collaboration AIChE Chicago participated in took place in September 1952, when AIChE Chicago hosted and organized a national AIChE meeting at the Palmer House. This meeting was held in conjunction with the "Centennial of Engineering" celebration. This was the centennial celebration of civil engineering, and 64 engineering and science/technical societies (including both AIChE Chicago and Chicago ACS) held conferences at the same time to help them celebrate.



Get-acquainted party in the Grand Ballroom of Palmer House.

Irving Leibson

Reviews of Engineering Achievements Mark Chicago Meeting

CENTENNIAL celebrations brought out engineers in full strength in Chicago last month, when more than sixty engineering organizations helped the American Society of Civil Engineers celebrate its one-hundredth anniversary. The A.I.Ch.E., catching the spirit of the celebration, turned out in record numbers and for this type of meeting, hung up a record of attendance. The attendance record was 1221, the previous high of 912 having been held by the Cleveland

meeting of May, 1948. Though the Centennial had many programs scheduled at the same time, the chemical engineers stayed close to the headquarters hotel, the Palmer House, and each technical meeting was well attended.

The plan of the Chicago meeting was strictly informal, with no luncheons or banquets scheduled. Free time was emphasized, and the only after-hours event was a Yankee-White Sox baseball game.

The contest for the best-presented

paper was difficult to judge since many fine presentations were given and the judges were carried right down to the final paper, deciding that Irving Leibson of the Humble Oil & Refining Co. was adjudged to have given the best platform demonstration. Dr. Leibson was co-author with Robert B. Beckmann, of Carnegie Institute of Technology, on "The Effect of Packing Size and Column Diameter on Mass Transfer in Liquid-

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From October 1952 CEP Magazine on an article about the 1952 Meeting in Chicago in September (Note: at this point in time, national AIChE had two to three "Regional" meetings in different locations instead of one Spring Meeting.)

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More than 30,000 engineers will be all over town Sept. 3 to 13 for events of the Centennial of Engineering and for programs of the 64 participating societies.

The Centennial corporation's headquarters now are in the Science museum. Headquarters during the convocation program will be in the Conrad Hilton hotel. Engineers and the public may register there for the sessions.

From Chicago Daily Tribune, Aug 12, 1952.

All be looking for you there
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CHICAGO SECTION

American Institute of
Chemical Engineers
Chicago Section

AICHE REGIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12, 13, 1952
PALMER HOUSE

CHICAGO In a few days, we will be the hosts, at the largest regional meeting (according to advance notices) of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. This meeting, scheduled to coincide with the celebration of the Centennial of Engineering, has been designed in some aspects to honor this celebration.

CENTENNIAL OF ENGINEERING 1952

WHY? ... with 6% of the land area and less than 7% of the world's population, do we in the United States have

- 58% of the world's telephones?
- 76% of the world's automobiles?
- 49% of the world's electrical production?
- 27% of the world's newspapers?

Major Lennox R. Lohr, president of the Centennial of Engineering, will start a speech on this theme at any opportunity. His answer is a simple one: "Because we have had a century of engineered progress." The vital part which engineers have played in this development is little understood by the public, and one of the aims of the Centennial is to do something toward acquainting the public with the engineer and his work.

One way of doing this will be to hold in Chicago during the first two weeks of September the greatest convocation of engineers ever assembled. Over thirty national engineering societies will hold meetings here at that time. The dean of them all, the American Society of Civil Engineers, will celebrate its 100th anniversary; one of the newest, the Women's Society of Engineers, will celebrate its first. Readers of the BULLETIN will be particularly interested in the sessions of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, but there will be many others.

The National Chemical Exposition, at the Coliseum, September 9-13, is one of the official events of the Centennial, and many engineers are expected to take advantage of this opportunity to see the latest ideas in the chemical industry on display. Special invitations will be available to many of the registrants at the Centennial meetings.

Other features of the program will include special displays at the Museum of Science and

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Left: AIChE Chicago notice for the AIChE Regional Meeting in Sept 1952 in conjunction with Centennial of Engineering

Right: Chicago ACS, The Chemical Bulletin, June 1952 article for National Chemical Exposition in Sept 1952 in conjunction with Centennial of Engineering

Collaborations with other societies in the past also included less elaborate joint meetings with other societies, such as this advertisement for a joint meeting with the American Rocket Society from the January 1959 newsletter. However, there were no established annual or regular joint meetings/collaborations with other technical societies, and any joint meetings appeared to be sporadic.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
CHEMICAL ENGINEERS

JOINT MEETING
of
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS
Chicago Section
and
AMERICAN ROCKET SOCIETY
Chicago Section

Date: January 14, 1959
Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Builders' Club
LaSalle and Wacker
Chicago Loop

Dinner: \$3.50

Speaker: Dr. Robert Peterson
President, Booz-Allen
Applied Research, Inc.

Subject: "The Impact of Missiles on the Chemical Industry"

Social Period: 6:00 P.M.
Sponsored By: International Minerals and Chemical Corporation

From January 1959 AIChE Chicago Newsletter

The first of the annual joint meetings with Chicago ACS was February 2006. According to Annette Johnston, who was AIChE Chicago Section Chair 2005-2006 as well as a former Abbott employee, AIChE Chicago planned a tour and meeting at Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago for February 2006. Chicago ACS was invited to this tour and meeting to maximize the audience based on all the effort involved in the planning. The meeting was a success, with full registration capacity of 300 attendees for the tour and meeting.

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<http://chicagoacs.org>

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CHICAGO SECTION AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Joint Meeting with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers

Hosted by Abbott Laboratories

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2006

Abbott Laboratories
1401 Sheridan Road
(Enter southeast corner of 10th and
Sheridan Road)
North Chicago, IL
847-937-6100

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING

From US 41 or Interstate 94: Take Buckley Road (Route 137) east to Sheridan Road. Turn left and proceed north. At the intersection of Sheridan and 10th street turn right (east) into the north end (north gate) of the Abbott Campus.

Check in with the guard and get your Visitor's Pass. Only those who have pre-registered will be admitted. Bear right at the 1st stop sign and enter the first parking lot (lot S) on your right at the 2nd stop sign. Signs will direct you to Building A-4. We will meet in the cafeteria.

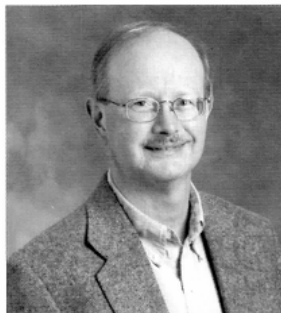


Abbott facility without your name on the reservation list. Dinner reservations are required and should be received in the Section Office via phone (847-647-8405), fax (847-647-8364), email (chicagoacs@ameritech.net), or website (<http://ChicagoACS.org>) by Wednesday, February 1. No walk-ins will be permitted. **Registration is a must.**

PLEASE HONOR YOUR RESERVATIONS. The Section must pay for all dinner orders. No-shows will be billed.

MENU: Dinner will be served buffet style with entrée choices of Chicken Picata or Baked Tilapia.

The cost is \$28 to Section members



Dr. Howard Morton, Director of Process Chemistry, Abbott Laboratories

Talk Title: "Challenges in the Large Scale Synthesis of Potent Drugs"

From Chicago ACS, The Chemical Bulletin, February 2006

The success of the February 2006 meeting must have encouraged local section leaders from both AIChE and ACS to make a joint meeting an annual tradition. The February 2007 joint meeting was held at European Crystal Banquets in Arlington Heights, where joint meetings with ACS were held from 2007-2016. In 2008, the annual joint meeting was moved to January and has been held each January since -- even during 2021 and 2022, when the joint meetings were conducted virtually. The planning of each meeting is taken in turns - one year ACS takes the lead in finding a speaker, catering, and meeting location, and the next year AIChE takes the lead.

Per Annette Johnston, the idea of continuing joint meetings was a benefit because a larger joint audience would be able to draw a higher profile speaker. This appeared to occur a few times at the joint meeting, with the CEO of Coskata speaking in 2009, the CEO of Packer Engineering speaking in 2010, and the CEO of LanzaTech speaking in 2014.

In 2017, AIChE Chicago Section Chair Tom King and Chicago ACS Chair Fran Kravitz took collaboration between our organizations further by getting the respective officer boards to approve reciprocal membership rates for local section monthly meetings.

The centennial of AIChE Chicago marks a great achievement for AIChE because we are the first AIChE local section to reach this milestone. The first AIChE Chicago meeting was January 16, 1925. This makes the January 2025 monthly meeting for AIChE Chicago the 100th anniversary meeting. The January 2025 meeting is also our 20th annual joint meeting with ACS. We are happy to share both these celebrations with our colleagues in ACS!

Voluntary Member Donation for the Centennial Year

Dear Member:

This year the AIChE Chicago Section, will be celebrating its Centennial Year. This year marks 100 years of commitment, dedication, and camaraderie among chemical engineers in our region and beyond.

Throughout the years, our section has tirelessly worked to serve as a beacon for chemical engineers, facilitate a vibrant community that fosters professional development, keep members informed of the latest technological advancements, address the evolving challenges within our industry, and encourage students to enter into the fields of science and engineering. These goals are accomplished through our Section's monthly meetings, a newsletter, a web page (www.AIChE.org/Chicago), high school science events, our annual student poster competition, and the AIChE Midwest Regional Conference.

Through the years of changes you, as members, have provided invaluable voluntary support to the section in developing and offering these activities.

On the occasion of our 100th year, we are offering you a unique opportunity to strengthen the Section to carry on its multifaceted activities by making a personal donation. Your donation will help the Section to continue its outstanding activities. Contributions may be done on-line using the following link:

<https://cvent.me/yG5oPw>

Contributors will be recognized in a later edition of the newsletter.

This Voluntary Member Donation for the Centennial Year is different from a nominal sponsorship by companies for individual programs and separate from the cost for the one-day Centennial Celebration event on May 10th, 2025.

Your generous support for the section, as well as past and continued contribution through your presence and participation all these years is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Chicago Section Officer Board

Connect with members and participate in discussions on [Engage](#)!

Check out AIChE's member benefit, AIChE Engage. Use the robust directory search to find and connect with members. Participate in technical, career, and academic discussions about chemical engineering.

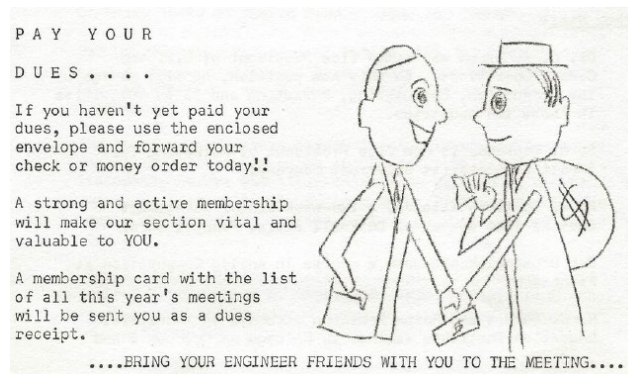


Local Section Dues Notice

AIChE national memberships run on a calendar year basis. If you haven't already paid your national membership dues for 2025, please help support us by including Chicago Local Section dues in that national membership payment - our local section dues are only \$20.

We really appreciate your financial support, especially during this Centennial Anniversary year. Without local section dues, we would not be able to hold monthly meetings, plan the Midwest Regional Conference, support local chemical engineering student chapters, or even send out this newsletter by email!

In honor of the Centennial of the AIChE Chicago Section, here is a dues reminder from an old newsletter. Thank you for your support!



Dues Notice from November 1961

Pay Local Section Dues by following the links on our website: [Join the Chicago Local Section | AIChE](#)

Nominations Requested for the Ernest W. Thiele Award

The Ernest W. Thiele award is sponsored by bp and recognizes the outstanding contributions to our profession by a Midwest region chemical engineer. This award was established by the AIChE Chicago Section and is presented annually to a Midwest region AIChE member. This internationally recognized award consists of an engraved plaque and \$1,000 honorarium presented at a monthly section meeting.

Nomination forms and additional information can be obtained from the Thiele Committee Chair. Completed nominations are due to the committee chair no later than **April 01, 2025**.

One of the highest honors a distinguished chemical engineer can receive is our AIChE Chicago Section Thiele award. Please consider nominating a deserving engineer for this prestigious award.

To nominate, please contact: **Jeffrey Zalc - bp Solutions, P&O**

Phone: 630.881.5478 Email: jeffrey.zalc@bp.com

More information about this award and the past winners:

<https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/chicago-local-section/ernest-w-thiele-award>

<https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/local-sections/chicago/thiele-award-past-winners>

Early Career Community (ECC) / Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Chicago Section

AIChE's Early Career Community (ECC) / Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Chicago Section was created to start and maintain young professionals' involvement in AIChE after graduation and to ensure that students retain their membership through their transition into the work force. We enthusiastically welcome all people with a degree in Chemical Engineering, including those currently working in industry and academia, recent graduates, and those pursuing other paths. We also welcome current students, both undergraduate and graduate students to our events. The Chicago YPC exists as a subset of the AIChE Chicago Section.

Our goal is to provide technical, career, and networking opportunities to young Chemical Engineering professionals in the Chicagoland area. To accomplish this, we seek to provide a variety of technical and social activities, provide outreach and volunteering opportunities, and to create programming that will appeal to ChemE's under 35.

General ECC Website: <https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/committees/early-career>

ECC/YPC Chicago Website:

<https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/local-sections/Chicago/young-professionals>

Email us at yp.aichechicago@gmail.com

Connect with us on Facebook! Search for 'YPC Chicago'

Join our mailing list! Find our Google group under 'ypcchicago'

Join Our GroupMe and become a part of the Chicago Chemical Engineering Young Professional Community: https://groupme.com/join_group/99685952/GrFycymv

December Social



Thank you to ECC / YPC Chicago for coordinating the Zoo Lights event in December - a wonderful way to close 2024!!

AIChE Midwest Regional Conference



SAVE THE DATE

2025 AIChE Midwest Regional Conference

Chicago, IL - **April 29, 2025**

Hosted by University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)

Organized by Chicago Local Section of AIChE

If you are interested in:

- Presenting a poster or paper
- Being a session chair or co-chair
- Getting involved and volunteering

Please send an email to **Jarad Champion (conference chair):**

jaradchampion@aichechicago.org

2025 AIChE Chicago Meeting Schedule and Speakers

Month	Date	Speaker	Affiliation	Topic
Jan	16th	Prof. Omar Farha	Northwestern University	Solving Big Problems with Small Things: Smart and Programmable Crystalline Sponges
Feb	25th		MxD	
Mar	26th		Numat	

Upcoming AIChE Conferences, Meetings, and Webinars

AIChE Conferences	
Feb 16-18, 2025	<u>5th AfroBioTech Conference</u> , John Lewis Student Center at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Feb 20-22, 2025	<u>International Congress on Sustainability Science & Engineering (ICOSSE '25)</u> , University of Auckland, Auckland, NZ
Apr 6-10, 2025	<u>2025 Spring Meeting and 21st Global Congress on Process Safety</u> , Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX, USA
April 9-11, 2025	<u>9th International Conference on Accelerating Biopharmaceutical Development (AccBio 2025)</u> Hilton Garden Inn Carlsbad Beach, Carlsbad, CA, USA
April 29, 2025	<u>17th AIChE Midwest Regional Conference</u> , University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA
May 5-8, 2025	<u>2025 Offshore Technology Conference</u> , NRG Park, Houston, TX, USA

Chicago ACS News

The Chicago sections of ACS and AIChE traditionally hold a joint meeting in January, but that does not mean the collaboration has to stop there! Please check out the latest Chicago ACS news and consider attending future general meetings.

Chicago ACS bulletin: <https://chicagoacs.org/news.php>



Volunteers needed for Chicago Local Section

How many opportunities can you find to learn project management, delegation, and leadership skills for free? Volunteering with the Chicago Section of AIChE is such an opportunity. While you're learning new skills, your professional network grows. Just about all of us are undergoing a career change, contemplating a career change, or are wondering if our career will be changed for us. Volunteering with AIChE is a way to add skills and accomplishments to your resume.

Volunteers are needed to help with:

- Programming - arrange speakers for monthly meetings and arrange catering/venues.
- Logistics - arrange catering and venues
- Newsletter Editor - prepare and publish ten monthly newsletters
- Newsletter Contributors - write meeting summaries, contribute photos, and more
- Engineering Outreach - coordinate three annual K-12 outreach events with high schools and colleges
- Professional Development and Sponsorship - arrange companies to sponsor pre-meeting talks to help fund student dinners
- Awards and Scholarship Committees - Review applications for local Section awards and scholarships
- Midwest Regional Conference - various roles with programming, logistics, website work, advertising, sponsorships, high school outreach, poster session, and more!
- Young Professionals - plan socials and programming for young professionals (under 35)

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact us at aichechicago@gmail.com

Begin your journey with [AIChE Explorer!](#)

The AIChE Explorer Membership type is designed for professionals who would like to try out AIChE Membership at a lower rate and reduced benefit levels.

Join more than 60,000 members in more than 110 countries! Joining AIChE gives you access to an amazing network of top professionals in chemical engineering in addition to providing a host of other valuable member benefits. Regardless of your career stage, AIChE membership is one of the best ways to meet accomplished chemical engineers and tap into our deep reserve of specialized information.

AIChE Explorer

Get started with AIChE Explorer! Try out the benefits of a membership without committing to the full rate.

Join as an Explorer

AIChE Explorer membership includes:

- ✓ Partial Access to CEP (1 article per mo.)
- ✓ Academy Online Courses (Grants 1 free code to an online course for member rates)
- ✓ Credits for Academy Webinars (Live & On-Demand) - 3 credits
- ✓ Partial Access to AIChE Engage

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Renew your membership now to keep learning and growing.

Stay connected to 40,000+ international members who take advantage of:

- Subscription to AIChE's flagship publication: CEP
- Education - Access to e-learning courses and instructor led training which can offer Continuing Education Units and PDHs.
- Access to CareerEngineer - a comprehensive job site tailored to chemical engineers
- Access to the AIChE eLibrary - a wealth of information from Knovel Life Sciences and the McGraw-Hill AccessEngineering Library collections

[View more benefits here!](#)

AIChE Volunteer and Meeting Attendee Conduct Guidelines

AIChE's volunteers are the core of the Institute and make all of its programs, conferences and educational efforts possible. These offerings provide excellent opportunities for AIChE members and meeting attendees to gain greater technical expertise, grow their networks, and enhance their careers. AIChE events provide engineers, scientists, and students a platform to present, discuss, publish and exhibit their discoveries and technical advances. At all times, volunteers and meeting attendees should act in accordance with AIChE's Code of Ethics, upholding and advancing the integrity, honor and dignity of the chemical engineering profession. AIChE's Board of Directors has developed these guidelines to foster a positive environment of trust, respect, open communications, and ethical behavior. These guidelines apply to meetings, conferences, workshops, courses and other events organized by AIChE or any of its entities and also to volunteers who conduct other business and affairs on behalf of AIChE.

Specifically

1. Volunteers and meeting attendees should understand and support AIChE's Code of Ethics.
2. Volunteers and meeting attendees should contribute to a collegial, inclusive, positive and respectful environment for fellow volunteers and attendees, and other stakeholders, including AIChE staff.
3. Volunteers and meeting attendees should avoid making inappropriate statements or taking inappropriate action based on race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, marital status, political affiliation, presence of disabilities, or educational background. We should show consistent respect for colleagues, regardless of discipline, employment status, and organizations for which they work, whether industry, academia, or government.
4. Disruptive, harassing or other inappropriate statements or behavior toward other volunteers, members, and other stakeholders, including AIChE staff, is unacceptable.
5. Volunteers and meeting attendees should obey all applicable laws and regulations of the relevant governmental authorities while volunteering or attending meetings. Volunteers and meeting attendees taking part in any AIChE event, including the ChemECar Competition™, should also comply with all applicable safety guidelines. Violations of this conduct policy should be reported promptly to the AIChE President or Executive Director.

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Submitting Articles to AICHE Columns

We welcome email submissions for our monthly newsletter. Commercial announcements are subject to a fee. News stories, editorials, technical, or career related non-commercial contributions are always welcome for no charge. We consider job postings, announcements of for-free training courses, expositions, and conferences as commercial. Categorization of announcements is at the sole discretion of the Chicago AICHE Board of Directors. The AICHE Chicago Section may publicize activities of interest to our members by cooperating professional societies and other non-profits without charge.

Please submit your material to aichechicago@gmail.com with 'Newsletter Article' as a subject line.



We want you for AICHE Chicago!

AICHE is committed to promoting a fair, just, and equitable profession and society. AICHE believes that all who wish to be a part of the chemical engineering community should have equal opportunity to pursue and achieve success. We work toward a better future for all through our technical expertise; through how we inspire, engage, retain, and advance future talent; and through how we treat each other within and beyond the profession.

[AICHE Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement](#)