

February 20th our Baton Rouge AIChE section has been invited to tour the Abita Springs Brewery for our February meeting. The tour will be led by Jaime Jurado the Director of Brewing Operations at Abita Springs. Jaime, a Senior AIChE member, recently joined Abita in 2013 after working as a brewery engineer, Master Brewer and Brewing Director since 1982. He built a \$5.5million artisanal brewery where every thing that touched the beer was a novel installation. Jaime has studied in Bavaria learning the craft, and has worked in Britain and in Ireland. He holds a Masters in Electrical Engineering and a Bachelors in Chemical Engineering. While he chose to depart to commission what was then the most advanced brewery in Asia (Rajasthan Breweries Limited in India), Jaime was a Doctoral candidate at the Engineering Science Department at Oxford University for three years and has several peer-reviewed publications on his work in ultrafiltration modeling. The tour is expected to start promptly at 10:00am and who knows Jaime has indicated we may get a chance to do some in process tasting. Abita Springs Brewery was founded in 1986 and produces over 16 brands of beer such as Amber, Turbodog, Bayou Bootlegger Hard Root Beer, and Purple Haze, and produces two well-regarded soft drinks with no alcohol. Jaime has given AIChE and IChemE seminars at a dozen universities in the US, Europe and in Australia, and last presented his research at the AIChE Fall Meeting in San Francisco in 2012. Please RSVP directly to Donna.Bryant@syngenta.com.

The tour starts from the Abita Springs Brewer Visitor Center at 10:00 am.

Abita Brewery Visitor Center Located at :
166 Barbee Rd.
Covington, LA 70420
Phone: 985 893 3143

Directions to Abita:

Take I-12 East. Exit at US-190 North (Exit 63). Continue on US-190 N then bear right on to US-190 Business turning onto LA-21. Continue to bear right and take LA-36 east to Barbee Rd. Plan to arrive 10 minutes early as tour starts promptly at 10:00am.

Car Pool Option from Baton Rouge:

For the directionally challenged or for those wishing to car pool we will meet at the O'neal Lane Car Pool parking lot off I-12 and O'neal Lane (Exit 7). The car pool lot is at the AMC Movie Theater. We will depart the parking lot at exactly 8:30 am. So arrive about 10 minutes early if you wish to car pool.