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**DIERS 2024 Fall Meeting**

1. The DIERS 2024 Fall meeting will be held on October 28 – 30, 2024 (MONDAY to WEDNESDAY) at the Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Galleria Area, 3201 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056. For hotel reservations call (800) 955-4317 to reserve a room. Hotel FAX (713) 629-0102. Room rates (Standard King / Standard Double Queen) for the hotel will be \$159 plus 17.375 percent state and local tax (\$186.63 total). King Suites are also available for \$189 plus 17.375 percent state and local tax (\$221.84). The Code to get the DIERS rate is DIER24 (NOTE: No 'S') and/or advise you are attending the DIERS Meeting. Room reservations made through Hilton reservations count toward our room block guarantee to the hotel. PLEASE DO NOT use other reservation systems since DIERS will have to pay the Hilton room rates for rooms in our block which are not used. Rooms at these rates will be available for two days before the meeting (Saturday and Sunday) and two days after the meeting (Thursday and Friday). The hotel cutoff date for our room block ends on September 30 (Monday) (Reserve before this date). A credit card will be required to register at the hotel. Refunds will be made on reservations canceled with more than 24 hours notice prior to the confirmed arrival date and with a cancellation number. Hotel check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out is 12:00 pm. All reservations must be received by the dates indicated to guarantee availability and conference rates. After this date, reservations will be made based on availability and hotels may charge higher rates.

NOTE: Internet access in guest and meeting rooms is complimentary. Parking is complimentary (Parking Garage is at the rear of the hotel). Complimentary shuttle service is available within a three-mile radius of the hotel. An updated indoor fitness center and outdoor pool are available for hotel guests. The snack shop at the front desk is always available. The hotel restaurant serves B / L / S meals during our meeting period.

Attendance at this and future DIERS meetings is limited to those who have paid their yearly DIERS dues before a DIERS meeting. The daily registration fee to attend the meeting includes a (7:00 - 8:00 am) continental breakfast, (10:00 - 10:30 am) morning and (3:00 - 3:30 pm) afternoon coffee breaks, (12:00 - 1:15 pm). Seating for the meeting will be classroom style with electrical connections for computers.

Registration for and payment of the actual cost of the meeting by DIERS (dues paying) members will be \$225 per day (EARLY BIRD) paid on or before September 30 and \$275 per day paid beginning October 1 through October 23 (REGISTRATION CUTOFF) with credit card payment to AIChE Customer Service. 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. NOTE: Our catering contract must be guaranteed to the hotel by October 18 (Friday). There will be no refund from AIChE after that date since DIERS has to pay the hotel food and beverage guarantee.

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

2. The schedule for the DIERS October 2024 meeting is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Continental Breakfast at 7:00 am every morning
10 / 28 / 22 (Mon)	8:00-5:00	
10 / 29 / 22 (Tue)	8:00-5:00	
10 / 30 / 22 (Wed)	8:00-3:00	

Registration for VEGAN / VEGITARIAN lunch meals will be by person and days required and accomplished by sending an email to both [fisherhg@charter.net](mailto:fisherhg@charter.net) and [ruth.l.tx@iomosaic.com](mailto:ruth.l.tx@iomosaic.com) on or before October 18 (Food cutoff date).

A group dinner is planned for Tuesday (10 / 29) evening at 7:00 pm at a nearby restaurant. Please register for this event by emailing Lisa Ruth at [ruth.l.tx@iomosaic.com](mailto:ruth.l.tx@iomosaic.com) . Attendees will order from the restaurant menu and pay for their meals.

3. 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 DIERS contact information. Registration Information from one year to the following year is just carried over and NOT necessarily updated unless specifically requested.

Dues paying DIERS members should receive an email with a temporary password and instructions as how to register on the DIERS website for access to the meeting minutes and presentations. Send an email or call if you have not received the registration instructions or have access problems.

4. I look forward to greeting all DIERS and new DIERS members in Houston in October.

Harold G. Fisher  
Chair, DIERS