A three day joint meeting will be held with the European DIERS Users Group in Hamburg, Germany during the period June 14 (Tuesday) – 16 (Thursday), 2011. LESER LLC will subsidize the meeting by paying hotel costs for four days for US DUG members flying from North America. The German double occupancy hotel costs for significant others (wives) will also be subsidized. German hotel rates include breakfast. Lunches and coffee breaks (not supper) and hotel meeting charges during the three day meeting period will be subsidized for both US DUG and EDUG members. One group dinner will also be subsidized for both DUGs. The resulting costs of attending the meeting should therefore be equivalent to a meeting held in the US.

Perceived conflict of interest? Acceptance of hotel and meal subsidies is not a requirement to attend the meeting.

The meeting will include the usual presentations by members of both the US DUG and EDUG. A tour of the LESER LLC factory and test facilities (no restrictions on attendance by competitors) to include demonstrations of releases from pressure relief valves will also be featured. There is the possibility that an interested group will stay one additional day to plan / conduct an experimental program to obtain two-phase flow data from pressure relief valves to clarify coefficients of discharge and valve stability (more details shortly – contact me ASAP, if interested in participating, since detailed planning will be required).

A program of activities for wives is also in the planning stage. Hamburg is a city with two million inhabitants and is the second largest city in Germany. It is the third largest seaport in Europe with many things to see in Hamburg. Wives will attend the group dinner. Berlin is only a 90 minute express train ride away.

The DIERS research program started in 1976 (35 years ago). The DIERS Users Group started meeting in 1986 (25 years ago). We have previously held an international meeting in Canada.

This joint meeting in Europe is an excellent chance to meet our colleagues who have done much of the recent two-phase flow research and published many of the papers that are the basis for the present emergency relief sizing methodology and are the basis of the present RAGAGEP.

Many US and European companies have international subsidiaries / divisions. Many are seeking to build plants and / or do design and construction overseas. More and more standards are being published under the ISO umbrella. We need to go global. This meeting is an excellent opportunity to combine company business in Europe with attendance at the meeting.

When flying from the East coast, most would expect to make the transoceanic flight on Sunday evening / night and arrive in Europe early on Monday. Return flights to the US would occur on Friday. Direct flights to Hamburg are available on several airlines from several US airports. Many single connection flights to Hamburg are available from the European international airports.
A number of hotel rooms have been reserved at a special rate from June 13 to June 17, 2011.

Site of Meeting:

Steigenberger Hotel,
Heiligengeistbrücke 4, D-20459 Hamburg/Germany
http://www.steigenberger.com/
Tel. +49 40 36 80 6180
Leser pays hotel room charges on nights of June 13 – 16 for US DUG members flying from North America.
Single room, Euro 159 including breakfast
Double occupancy, Euro 184 including breakfast

Room rates before and after the conference include breakfast. Single 159 Euro and Double occupancy 184 Euro (depends on availability, price cannot be guaranteed, the earlier you book the more likely you are to get this price).

Room reservations can to be made until the end of April 2011 at the latest. For both hotels it is necessary to book before May 2nd, otherwise our bookings expire. You are kindly requested to contact the hotel directly by telephone, fax or E-mail (please see details above) using the password “DIERS Joint Meeting”. Please guarantee your reservation with your credit card. If your plans change, you must cancel your hotel registration. LESER LLC will pay the hotel room / breakfast costs for the specified days upon checkout.

Hotel nearby:

Madison Hotel Hamburg,
Schaarsteinweg 4, D-20459 Hamburg/Germany
http://www.madisonhotel.de,
Tel. +49 40 37 666 142
Single room, Euro 135.50 including breakfast
Double occupancy, Euro 171 including breakfast

Room rates before and after conference include breakfast.
Single room, 135.50 Euro
Double occupancy, 171 Euro

US DUG members must register for the meeting using the www.aiche.org/diers website and registration form. You must indicate the days of attendance, the meeting nights staying at the hotel, and indicate if your significant other will be staying at the hotel and attending the group dinner.

The US DUG will be responsible for approximately one half of the presentations at the meeting. Please contact me as soon as possible with your presentation title, speaker, authors, and requested duration of your presentation so that the agenda can be finalized and sent to all members of both groups by early April.
1. DIERS Users Group Website (www.aiche.org/diers)

Portions of the DUG website (Meeting Minutes, Company Representative Contact List, etc.) are password protected. Security requires that you sign in on the URL (E-Mail Address) of your original registration, use your password, and enter an alphanumeric code.

NOTE: If your E-Mail changes, you will need to register again to use the protected portion of the website. If you have forgotten your password, click the link.

The minutes of the DUG Meeting in Reno during the period October 13-15, 2010 have been posted on the DUG website. The Company Contact and Member Company Lists have also been posted. Please review and send corrections to me by E-Mail. The DIERS Users Group Newsletter has also been posted.

2. DUG Election Results

Harold G. Fisher and Robert A. D’Alessandro were reelected as Chair and Secretary / Treasurer of the DUG.

3. ASME / AIChE / DUG Continuing Education Course

Course: Emergency Relief System (ERS) Design Using DIERS Technology
Dates: April 18 – 20, 2011
Location: Harrah’s Las Vegas
Instructors: James E. Huff / D. Art Shaw
Registration: Use the COURSES link on the www.aiche.org/diers website

Other safety related courses can be viewed on the DUG website at the same COURSES link.

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