



CeRCaS News Blast 11/14/22

Ring 1: CeRCaS Welcomes Three New Members

We grew during COVID. We are growing more post-COVID! We look forward to the participation of three new IAB (Industrial Advisory Board) members, representative of the breadth of our center, in the areas of petroleum processing, precious metal catalysis, and biomass processing. A hearty welcome for our new members Aramco, Heraeus, and Origin Materials. Let our CeRCaS synergy accelerate!

aramco



ORIGIN

Heraeus
Precious Metals

Ring 2: Project Development for the Fall CeRCaS Meeting (December 14-16th, 2022) is Underway.

Here's the time frame of project development and proposal selection:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Project development:	started now	huddle with faculty!
White papers due:	Wednesday, November 16	about 48 projects anticipated
Pre-LIFE down-select:	November 17-30	20 - 24 projects chosen
IAB LIFE assessment:	December 15	detailed project assessments
Project discussion:	December 15, 16	IAB-faculty discussions
Project selection:	December 16	voting in closed door IAB meeting

We anticipate funding to support ten-twelve projects, starting from about four dozen project ideas. As usual, we are asking the IAB to perform an initial (per-LIFE) down-select, and ask that company representatives mark their calendars (starting November 17 until November 23) to allot time for this process, which will take about a half day of your time (it will be the most fun half day at your work this year – bring popcorn). We ask multiple representatives within a company to team up so that we receive one set of assessments per member. Detailed instructions will be sent on November 17th.

Presentations of the approximately two dozen down-selected projects will occupy most of the agenda on Thursday of the meeting, accompanied by in-depth Level of Interest Feedback

Evaluations (LIFE) from each company. Faculty PIs will respond to the queries, comments, and suggestions overnight, and these will be discussed in detail Friday morning. Voting, cajoling, horse-swapping, and persuasion will then be channeled by our most capable IAB Chair, Guy Steinmetz, in a closed-door meeting. As the smoke clears, the gleaming new palette of projects will appear!

Ring 3: First Face-to-Face Meeting in Three Years!

The Fall CeRCaS meeting will be held December 14-16 (Wednesday 2:00 p.m. through 12:00 p.m. Friday) at the Hilton Columbia Center, a block away from “restaurant row” and two blocks west of the Capital Building. Superb amenities, comfy rooms. Discounted rates are available the nights of Dec. 14-16. Please use the following link before November 21st to get the discount rate:

<http://www.my-event.hilton.com/caecchf-cercas-355ee008-8371-4755-b2ee-ba79dd1885af/>

Come early for a Wednesday morning round of golf! A detailed meeting agenda will be distributed soon.



In the meantime, keep up to date on all our current projects at the CeRCaS website, www.che.sc.edu/centers/cercas/ .

For more information:

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