

Communities of Practice - Rules & Etiquette

To ensure the best possible experience for all listserv members, we have established some basic guidelines for participation. **By signing up for a listserv, you agree that you have read and will follow these rules and etiquette.**

Rules

- All defamatory, harassing, discriminatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive, or illegal language or materials are strictly prohibited.
- Behave in a courteous and professional manner. Treat all listserv members with respect, dignity, and consideration, in the spirit of valuing a diversity of views and opinions. Discuss differences and critique ideas in a non-confrontational manner.
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- Do not post commercial messages. Contact people directly with product and service information if you believe it would help them.
- Use caution when discussing products. Information posted on this list is available for all members to see, and comments are subject to libel, slander, and antitrust laws. Messages should not be posted if they encourage or facilitate members to arrive at any agreement that either expressly or impliedly leads to price fixing, a boycott of another's business, or other conduct intended to illegally restrict free trade. Messages that encourage or facilitate an agreement about the following subjects are inappropriate: prices, discounts, or terms or conditions of sale; salaries; profits, profit margins, or cost data; market shares, sales territories, or markets; allocation of customers or territories; or selection, rejection, or termination of customers or suppliers.
- Remember that other listserv members have the right to forward and reproduce postings.
- CERF reserves the right to reject any posting for any reason.

Etiquette

- Include a signature tag on all postings that includes your name and affiliation.
- State concisely and clearly the topic of your comments in the subject line. This allows members to respond more appropriately to your posting.
- If you have several points you would like to make, consider posting them individually in separate messages.
- Only send messages to the entire list when it contains information that everyone can benefit from. Send messages such as "thanks for the information" or "me, too" to individuals--not to the entire list.
- Do not send administrative messages, such as "remove me from the list", through the list. If you have administrative questions about the listserv, please contact CERF at info@cerf.science.
- Avoid making judgments on existing posts but rather raise relevant considerations or pose clarifying questions that improve the community's ability to judge material for themselves.

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