

Calendar of Events

September 8, 2025	2025 ISTA China Packaging Symposium
- September 11, 2025	The Phoenix City Hotel Guangzhou
	September 8-11, 2025

October 6, 2025

Packaging Dynamics Professional (ISTA PDP) Certification In-Person Training Barcelona, Spain

October 6, 2025

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The training objectives for this course include:

- A better understanding of the roles of the different layers of packaging in distribution*
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Online Examinations:

Registered attendees can take the ISTA PDP Certification exams offered via the online learning system on ISTA's website. Attendees have 120 days to complete the online exams. Attendees will have access to the full ISTA PDP online course video presentation & documentation content in preparation for & reference during their exam.

The exam for each course can be found at the end of the content for each of the six (6) PDP courses.

Instructor:
Giovani Rissi, ISTA Instructor

Rates to attend:
With Forum Registration:

ISTA Member Discounted Rate: \$1050 USD
Non-Member Rate: \$1650 USD
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Rates include course materials, breakfast, lunch & breaks

Without Forum Registration:

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October 7, 2025
- October 8, 2025

2025 ISTA Forum Europe | TransPack, TempPack & Training
Barcelona, Spain
October 06-07, 2025

The 2025 ISTA Forum Europe will be held 07-08 October 2025 in Barcelona, Spain at the Meliá Barcelona Sky Hotel.

Early Bird Forum Registration Rates:
ISTA Member Discounted Rate: \$1100
Non-Member Rate: \$1200

Forum Registration Rates (After 29 August, 2025):
ISTA Member Discounted Rate: \$1300
Non-Member Rate: \$1400

Multiple Person Discount:
If you have more than one person registering to attend the Forum from your company, please contact Lisa Bonsignore at lisa@ista.org or (517) 333-3437 for the multiple person discount code. Verification of one full paying registration is necessary to obtain the discount code. The code will discount your registration rate by \$115 USD.

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Social Mixer Reception GUEST Ticket:
\$45 USD (may be purchased when registering)

Closing Dinner GUEST Ticket:
\$90 USD (may be purchased when registering)

Cancellation Policy:
After registering, if you have no replacement and need to cancel the registration, you must do so in writing by email lisa@ista.org, to be received no later than 5:00pm EST, 29 August 2025, to obtain a full refund of registration fees. After this cancellation deadline, only 50% of the registration fee will be refunded. We reserve the right to cancel or change a topic or speaker.

October 28, 2025

CC 101 | Principles of Cold Chain Packaging Live Virtual Training

Live Virtual Training

10:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

ISTA CC 101 | Principles of Cold Chain Packaging

This course provides a broad overview of cold chain packaging used to ship temperature-sensitive products in bio, pharma, food & industrial markets.

CC 101 is a perfect introduction to basics for technicians, designers, engineers and those working in research & development, sales, marketing and management who can benefit from a strong foundational understanding of the principles of cold chain packaging. Please consider adding this course to your new employee onboarding checklist!

Course topics:

*Hazards in the Distribution Environment
Introduction to Cold Chain Packaging
Fundamentals of Heat Transfer
Temperature-Sensitive Products
Phase Change Materials
Cold Chain Packaging Solutions
Cold Chain Packaging System Testing
Cold Chain Packaging Temperature Monitoring
Pre-Qualified Cold Chain Solutions
Quality Control for Cold Chain Solutions*

Rate:

Member discounted rate: \$395

Non-member rate: \$525

The instructor for this training is William Pelletier, Ph.D. from the University of Florida. Dr. Pelletier teaches multiple undergraduate and graduate courses associated with biological and packaging engineering. He has been involved in the field of heat and mass transfer, packaging, as well as cold chain technologies and operations for more than 25 years. He worked on the development and data analysis of the ISTA 7E temperature profiles.

November 12, 2025
- November 14, 2025

2025 ISTA Asia Pacific Packaging Symposium

The Landmark Bangkok Hotel

November 12-14, 2025

The 2025 ISTA Asia Pacific & APN International Packaging Symposium is hosted by the Department of Packaging and Materials Technology, and in conjunction with International Safe Transit Association (ISTA)-Asia Pacific & Asia Packaging Network (APN).

Date: November 12-14, 2025

Location: The Landmark Bangkok Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

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09:00 AM - 04:00 PM EST

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Instructor:

Larry Dull, ISTA Lead Instructor

Schedule:

Instruction: 9:00am-12:00pm EST

Lunch Break: 12:00pm – 1:00pm EST

Instruction: 1:00pm-4:00pm EST

Exam: Online

Rates to attend:

ISTA Member Discounted Rate: \$1350

Non-Member Rate: \$1950

Student Rate: \$1200

April 7, 2026

CC 301 | User Requirement Specification (URS) to Operational Qualification (OQ)Pre-Forum T

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown

01:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST

The How of Cold Chain – Taking the fundamentals of the first class and putting it into practice

How to create a robust URS

Highlight both major and minor attributes of a URS

How to design and implement your OQ process

Highlight the design qualification tests

Execution of an OQ protocol

Documentation

Test Protocols and Reports

Temperature Recording Device Settings

Operational SOP/WIs

Staff training

How to select and implement a pre-qualified shipper

Navigating Change Control to Implement your Qualified System

Lessons Learned on Implementing a Qualified Shipping System

Case Studies

Additional fee to attend. Registration is available through the Forum registration.

Registration includes lunch and break. This course qualifies for 20 points towards ISTA PDP recertification.

This course will be instructed by industry expert and ISTA Pharma Committee Officer, Carolyn Williamson.

Schedule:

Lunch: Noon – 1:00pm

Instruction: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Mid-afternoon break: 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Instruction: 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Rates to attend:

With Forum Registration:

ISTA Member Discounted Rate: \$450

Non-Member Rate: \$575

ISTA Member Discounted Rate | Both Introduction to BioPharma Cold Chain AND URS to OQ: \$850

Non-Member Rate| Both Introduction to BioPharma Cold Chain AND URS to OQ: \$995

Without Forum Registration:

ISTA Member Discounted Rate: \$495

Non-Member Rate: \$625

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April 7, 2026
- April 9, 2026

**2026 ISTA Forum USA | TransPack, TempPack & Trainings
Sheraton Phoenix Downtown**

April 07-09, 2026

We're thrilled to announce the 2026 ISTA Forum USA, including TransPack and TempPack events, will be held April 07-09, 2026 at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown in Phoenix, Arizona.

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08:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST

The Who, What, Why, Where of Cold Chain

Basics of a cold chain program

Attributes of a gold standard cold chain program

Guiding standards for the industry

Introduction to the Shipping Qualification Process Flow

Lessons learned on selecting test labs and suppliers (labs, packaging, recording devices, etc.)

Additional fee to attend. Registration is available through the Forum registration. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and breaks. This course qualifies for 15 points towards ISTA PDP recertification.

This course will be instructed by industry expert and ISTA Pharma Committee Officer, Carolyn Williamson.

Schedule:

Registration & Breakfast: 7:30am – 8:00am

Mid-morning break: 10:00am – 10:30am

Lunch: Noon – 1:00pm

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