

Calendar of Events

May 19, 2026

CC 101 | Principles of Cold Chain Packaging

Virtual Training

10:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

ISTA CC 101 | Principles of Cold Chain Packaging

Join Dr. William Pelletier on Tuesday, May 19 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. ET (16:00 – 23:00 CET) for a Live Virtual Training on ISTA's 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.

June 18, 2026
- June 20, 2026

Packaging Dynamics Professional (ISTA PDP) Certification In-Person and Live Virtual Training

In-Person and Virtual Training in Korean Language

In-Person and Live Virtual Training in Korean Language

September 16, 2026
- September 17, 2026

2026 ISTA China Packaging Symposium

Hilton Hotel | Fengxian, Shanghai China

September 16-17, 2026

We are excited to announce that the 2026 ISTA China Packaging Symposium will take place from September 16-17 at Hilton Hotel in Fengxian, Shanghai China.

October 6, 2026

Packaging Dynamics Professional (ISTA PDP) Certification In-Person Training Amsterdam, Netherlands

October 6, 2026

This in-person event covers all six (6) courses required to obtain your ISTA Packaging Dynamics Professional (PDP) Certification. Once you complete these courses and pass the exam, you will receive your certification as an ISTA Packaging Dynamics Professional. This training is held prior to the ISTA Forum Europe on Tuesday, 06 October.

PDP 101: Principles of Distribution Packaging is an introduction to various topics that affect distribution package design. Topics include understanding the various levels of packaging, corrugated fundamentals, sustainability, and the implications of packaging decisions. The hazards of supply chains, transportation modes, and different commerce channels will also be discussed.

The training objectives for this course include:

*A better understanding of the roles of the different layers of packaging in distribution
An understanding of the fundamentals of corrugated and making sustainable packaging decisions
An understanding of the importance of preshipment testing and the role ISTA plays in the development & implementation of test standards
An understanding of various commerce and supply chain channels
A better understanding of the decision-making process related to packaging design and sustainability*

PDP 101 is the first of 6 courses in ISTA's Packaging Dynamics Professional (PDP) certification program.

PDP 101 is followed by 5 additional 200-level courses:

*PDP 201: Atmospheric & Compression Hazards in Transit
PDP 202: Shock & Drop Hazards in Transit
PDP 203: Vibration Hazards in Transit
PDP 204: Test Laboratory Operations & Instrumentation
PDP 205: Test Procedures & Enhanced Simulation Testing*

PDP 201 through 205 build on what is learned in PDP 101 to examine the hazards packages experience in our global distribution environment. The morning session will focus on packaging design, optimization and testing challenges associated with atmospheric, compression, shock, drop & vibration hazards in transit. The afternoon session will examine the importance & process of using test procedures in the lab to simulate shipping hazards in the environment. PDP coursework will emphasize techniques to get accurate & reliable data using test instrumentation. Finally, trainees will learn about the latest technology in test planning & reporting. PDP 201 through 205 are the continuation of ISTA's Packaging Dynamics Professional (PDP) certification program.

In order to receive ISTA's Packaging Dynamics Professional (PDP) Certification, trainees must participate in all six (6) PDP trainings as well as take and pass the exams for all six (6) of these courses. ?

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

Student Rate: \$950 USD (Students may register for PDP 101 for \$75 USD)

Rates include course materials, breakfast, lunch & breaks

Without Forum Registration:

ISTA Member Discounted Rate: \$1350 USD

Non-Member Rate: \$1950 USD

Student Rate: \$1,200 (Students may register for PDP 101 for \$75 USD)

Rates include course materials, breakfast, lunch & breaks

October 6, 2026

Packaging Dynamics Professional (ISTA PDP) Certification In-Person Training in Amsterdam

Amsterdam Marriott Hotel

08:00 AM - 05:30 PM EST

We're excited to offer an in-person training session of our popular Packaging Dynamics Professional (ISTA PDP) Certification course prior to the ISTA Forum Europe on Tuesday 6 October! ISTA's PDP certification program encourages and recognizes development and excellence in the packaging industry. Whether you're an experienced packaging professional looking to broaden your expertise or a newcomer seeking to gain essential knowledge, this certification course, led by an industry expert, is a great option to meet your specific needs.

Packaging Dynamics Professional (ISTA PDP) Certification

Registration Option

ISTA Member

Non-Member

Student

With Forum Registration

\$1,050

\$1,650

\$950

PDP Only (No Forum)

\$1,350

\$1,950

\$1,200

Students may optionally register for PDP 101 for \$75 USD.

October 7, 2026
- October 8, 2026

2026 ISTA Forum Europe | TransPack, TempPack & Training

Amsterdam Marriott Hotel, Netherlands

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM EST

The 2026 ISTA Forum Europe will be held 07-08 October 2026 in Amsterdam, Netherlands at the Amsterdam Marriott Hotel, Netherlands.

Early Bird Forum Registration Rates (ends on 28 August):

ISTA Member Discounted Rate: \$1100

Non-Member Rate: \$1200

Forum Registration Rates:

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, 28 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.