

The Chicago-based Midwest Chapter of the International Society of Lyophilization – Freeze Drying (ISL-FD) is a diverse community of manufacturers, suppliers, and researchers from various industries (pharmaceutical, food, etc.) and academic institutions. The chapter is open to all members of the parent ISL-FD, but especially seeks active participation from those members who work or reside in the broader Midwest region of the United States.

The Midwest Chapter strives to advance the field of lyophilization by creating forums for technical and personal exchange among its members. Our primary aim is to give our members information and resources to help them in the following areas:

- Production
 - Increase product yields
 - Improve process control and product uniformity
 - Reduce turn-around time and down time
 - Reduce maintenance costs
- Research & Development
 - Expedite formulation and cycle development
 - Reliably scale-up
 - Enable new or difficult products
 - Exploit new technologies and techniques
 - Effectively outsource manufacturing or transfer technology
- Education
 - Understand persistent problems and challenges
 - Support lyophilization-related academic endeavors
 - Improve fundamental process understanding
 - Develop networks with other lyophilization professionals

The Midwest Chapter plans for the Spring of 2009 to host a day long meeting in the Chicago area. This meeting will include several seminars on the topics above and opportunities for networking with peers. We will keep you updated through our website and monthly email newsletter.

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