

Global Cold Chain Network (G2CN)

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The aim of the **Global Cold Chain Network (G2CN)** is to bring together the available **critical mass of cold chain logistics and supply chain management related experts and practitioners** to share and exchange the latest developments in the cold chains and to develop visions for the future. The network aims to establish and maintain a well-coordinated and effective support infrastructure and platform to enable logistics and supply chain (LSC) experts in cold chain related areas to co-ordinate their research activities and to network, both at formal and informal level.

Specifically, the **sub goals** of the G2CN are:

- **Visions:** to bring together LSC related experts in cold chains and create a self-sustaining community and support infrastructure for sharing the latest developments in LSC related research and initiatives
- **Teams:** to stimulate and co-ordinate focused special interest groups and international collaboration in cold chain LSC innovations
- **Resources:** to set up a web portal as the 'go-to' site for interactive access to LSC resources, and encourage greater interaction between the LSC community at intellectual and commercial level.
- **Methods:** to analyse LSC related trends globally and develop strategic visions and develop generic and regional roadmaps for future RTD activities, and facilitate access to methods and tools and to support training and education initiatives

Actions:

- provide a platform for linking expertise in the area of LSC from both the industry and academia
- build regional and global connections with other cold chain experts and professional bodies
- Encourage the development cold chain research and industrially applied projects
- Raise awareness and disseminate developments in cold chain related know-how and information through a regular newsletter
- gather regular intelligence on the 'health' of cold chain practice and develop a cold chain prosperity index
- act as a catalyst for implementation and application of best practices
- provide conferences, seminars, forums for scholars and executives in the area of cold chains as well as create and support online forums
- encourage the development of regional breakfast clubs to bring together thought leaders to share and exchange challenges faced by the LSC community

Outcomes:

- raised level of awareness about cold chain innovations
- formation of new business and networking contacts in the cold chain areas
- provision of comprehensive information via the dedicated knowledge portal for the cold chain community

- pro-active input into the future direction of innovative research and developments in the area of cold chains
- increased cross-fertilisation, integration and cohesion
- encouragement of intra and inter-organisational learning
- a seedbed for conceiving, discussing, nurturing and developing ideas and encouraging and developing national and international collaborative alliances and initiatives
- facilitation of the adoption of best practices
- support for the development of educational and training approaches

Progress to date

The first meeting of the network was held on 11th July 2017 in Ljubljana, Slovenia during ISL 2017. A number of collaborative have been performed since the launch of the network. Brief feedback reports and planned future activities will be presented during the meeting on 10 July 2018, in Bali, Indonesia

Agenda

Date: 10th July 2018,

Time: 8-10am

Venue: Mengwi, 1, Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre, Bali

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- Welcome, Introduction, Background (Prof Kulwant Pawar)
- Achievements & updates:
 - Dr Yasanur Kayikci, Turkish-German University, Turkey
 - Dr Nachiappan Subramanian, University of Sussex, UK
 - Prof: KM Tsai, Kune Muh Tsai, National Kaohsiung First University of Science & Technology, Taiwan
 - Dr Manoj Dora, Brunel University, UK
- Discussion
- The Way Forward