

Press Release

International Freezer Challenge 2022: Optimizing your cold storage practices!

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Global warming is a challenge for mankind – Glasgow just reminded us again. Sustainability discussions primarily focus on energy consumption. There is no exception for laboratory devices. Even the most environmentally friendly and energy-efficient ultra-low temperature freezers still require a significant amount of energy to maintain extremely low temperatures of -80°C, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for years.

The non-profits My Green Lab and the International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories (I2SL) have partnered again to reward the best concept to improve cold storage regarding sustainability: The Freezer Challenge 2022.

The users can earn points by taking actions from good management practices, temperature tuning, and other areas, as well as for sharing information about best practices. Awards will be given to those who have done the most to save energy and improve their sample storage.

Since 2017, the challenge saved more than 14 Mio KWh of power worldwide due to improved cold storage.

Based on our responsibility for the environment, Eppendorf is proudly sponsoring the 2022 International Freezer Challenge the fifth time in row, starting in 2018.

More information about the Freezer Challenge 2022 at <https://www.freezerchallenge.org>.

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