Dear I²SL Chapter Officers,

The inaugural Laboratory Freezer Challenge was so successful that it’s going international! Once again, I²SL and My Green Lab are partnering to promote efficient, effective sample storage in laboratories around the world this year through the International Laboratory Freezer Challenge.

Before last year’s challenge, we discussed ways I²SL chapters could help labs in their region freeze more efficiently through collaborative and educational opportunities. This year, even if the weather outside remains frightful, continue helping labs in your area keep their cool while saving energy:

- Are any of your chapter members past Freezer Challenge participants or award winners? Organize a tour at the facility to learn about their best practices and lessons learned from participating in the challenge and plans to keep the sustainability ball rolling.

- Encourage labs and other high-technology facilities in your chapter’s area to sign up for the challenge to evaluate their sample storage or improve their scores from last year. Offer educational events to share tools of the trade and engage laboratory users in energy-saving initiatives.

- Host a friendly competition with another chapter to see who can have more participants save more energy or implement more best practices.

The International Freezer Challenge will conclude in May 2018, so encourage labs in your area sign up now to start earning points! For more information, visit freezerchallenge.org.

Thank you for your continued support of I²SL!

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