Twin Screw Workshop

December 2–3, 2026 | Branchburg, New Jersey

DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 — TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

Hyatt House Hotel, Branchburg, NJ

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER
8:00 AM	Coffee/check-in	
8:30 AM	Opening Remarks, Introductions, Housekeeping/Safety, Agenda	Stuart Kapp, Leistritz Extrusion
8:45 AM	Amazing Twin-Screw Technology. How to configure it. How to scale it to do big things	Bill Thiele, Leistritz Extrusion (retired)
10:00 AM	Break	
10:30 AM	Screws Overview	Brian Haight, Leistritz Extrusion
11:15 AM	Flexible, Scalable, Sustainable – Leistritz Plant Designs for the Recycling Industry	Lars Klocke, Leistritz Extrusionstechnik
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	The Extruder as a Chemical Reactor: Opportunities for Polymer Modification and process Intensification	Rob Jerman, Extrusion Tech. & Innovations
2:00 PM	Best Practice Preventative Maintenance	Bill Novak, Leistritz Extrusion
2:30 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	Inline Compounding for Sheet Extrusion Applications	John Christiano, Davis-Standard
3:45 PM	Advantages of Adding a Melt Pump and Filter to the Extrusion Line	Pablo Vaca; Maag
4:30 PM	Minimizing Downtime: How to Properly Purge a Twin-Screw Extruder	Joe Serell, Rapid Purge
5:15 PM	Adjourn	
6:00–9:00 PM	Dinner (transportation provided)	

DAY 2 | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 — HANDS-ON TRAINING & LIVE DEMOS

Hyatt House Hotel & Leistritz Extrusion Process Laboratory

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER
8:00 AM	Coffee/check-in	
8:15 AM	Next Generation Recycling and Leistritz Extrusion. Integrating Compounding into Recycling Applications	Peter Schneider, NGR
9:00 AM	Hands-on screw disassembly/reassembly	Adam Mieloch, Leistritz Extrusion
10:30–Noon	Twin Screw demos @ Leistritz laboratory	Augie Machado & Lab Staff, Leistritz Extrusion
12:15 PM	Lunch	
1:00–3:00 PM	Individual Break-out Meetings with Leistritz Staff	
3:00 PM	Adjourn	

Agenda subject to change. Laboratory demonstrations include co-/counter-rotating extrusion, devolatilization, downstream feeding, pelletizing, sheet/film and purging.

