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**WELCOME** to our Summer journal. I am delighted to bring you another packed journal with news, views, papers and advertorials.

We were all saddened to hear of the death of **Professor Graham Ayliffe**, a great supporter of the IDSc and many thanks to **Gillian Sills** for writing an obituary for this perfect gentleman.

The IDSc 2017 Annual Conference will be held in Blackpool from Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th November. Enclosed is the conference programme and application form. If you have not already applied for your place at Conference then please let me urge you to get your form in ASAP, places are filling up fast. As this is our 50th anniversary we have planned an exciting three days for you, starting with our Keynote Address by **Simon Weston, CBE**, followed by **Wayne Spencer** who will take us 'From there to here'. I do hope to see as many of you there as possible.

The first of our 3 papers is by **Dr Dominique Goulet** entitled 'To sterilise flexible endoscopes' where Dominique discusses the need for more critical

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scopes to be sterilised by low temperature methods; gastroscopes where biopsies are taken, hysteroscopes, cystoscopes. Where should this process sit? Within our already stretched sterile service department or within our endoscopy departments? Certainly gives us food for thought!

Our second paper is in two parts. 'Disinfection of surfaces and medical devices' by **C. Diekmann, S. Krüger, I. Mock, L. Rohrbach, V. Schmidt, R. Thomann, M. Schreiner, and Dr. J. Lenz**. This paper first appeared in Zentral Sterilisation. Part 1 examines at surface disinfection and Part 2 examines medical devices; this article is intended to be a practical guide to selecting chemicals for surfaces, worktops and medical devices.

The final paper for this journal, 'Requirements for systems designed to store/store and dry thermolabile endoscopes' was written by a CSC Working Group comprising of **John Prendergast, Tina Bradley, Karren Staniforth, Paul Jenkins, Olga Sleigh, Andy Lawton, and Maria Ruiz-Luque**. This article looks at both storage and storage/drying cabinets and offers advice on what to look for when procuring a cabinet, operation managements of the cabinets, validation and periodic testing along with providing information on portable storage systems used for flexible endoscopes. A 'must-read' for all endoscopy managers and staff.

We have featured two 'From the Archives' articles. The first by **D.J. Anderson**, Deputy Manager C.S.S.D./T.S.U. telling us about *The Foundation Course for Sterile Services Managers*; was the precursor to our IDSc Technical Certificate?

The second was a paper given by **Paul Houslop** at the 1977 ASSA Conference, again looking at The

Training of C.S.S.D. Managers. The aim of the training was to provide the C.S.S.D. manager with a tangible and meaningful figure of authority and provide confidence that a good standard was being achieved as well as being a source of credible advice, in the field of decontamination, for other disciplines.

**Phil Hadridge** is back again in our 'Something Different' section and this time Phil looks at the four breakpoints before reaching burnout! Phil's 4 step model illustrates that burnout can be the 'natural' result from a stress response to pressure. Once burnout is reached the key actions are acknowledgment, seeking help, stepping back from the patterns that helped create the situation and, most importantly, being kind to yourself and others!

In this journal we have three advertorials:

1. *Revolutionising Endoscopy Decontamination at Morecambe Bay Trust*, by Cantel Medical
2. *East Kent Hospitals reap the benefits of medical device tracking with RFID*, a Harland Simon solution
3. *HALYARD\* QUICK CHECK INTERLEAVED\* sterilisation wrap combines ease of use and superior barrier properties*, by Halyard Health

Our interview this time is with **Wayne Spencer**. Wayne is an Authorising Engineer and independent consultant on decontamination and healthcare engineering issues. Potatoes aside, I am sure that you will find this a most informative and interesting insight. Thank you Wayne for your contribution.

As ever, this is your journal and it is a pleasure to see so many people contributing to it. Please get in touch if you would like to be considered for our Conference edition in November. New (and not so new!) authors are always welcome.

