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WELCOME to our packed Conference journal of 2018

Our new website is now fully up-and-running. There have been a few login issues; however, I am pleased to report they have all been dealt with successfully using the 'change password' link and mix-up between our website and PaySubsOnline. I am in the process of linking our IDSc website with PaySubsOnline to reduce this mix-up. This will enable all members to access both sites using one login and password and should, therefore, reduce errors with logging in.

As many of you may be aware, our contract with Fitwise terminates in December and we have found a new company to take over the publishing and advertising aspects of our journal. The company is called the Hospital and Medical Care Association (HMCA). I have met with **Andy Thomas**, Business Development Manager for HMCA, on several occasions now, along with the team we will be working with, going forward.

Our first online journal will be the November edition and this will be available from 1st November within the Members Section; everyone should have been notified of this via PaySubsOnline. At the last Board and council meeting, in September, it was unanimously agreed that we should continue with the hard copy, for at least another year. Following this, a further review of our advertising revenue will

help determine our way forward in terms of continuing with the hard copy.

A decision has been made to withdraw the IDSc Handbook for 2019. There are two main reasons:

1. Fitwise were responsible for the content and they will no longer be available to complete this.
2. With the new GDPR regulations we need to have consent from all members to have their details printed and made available for the Handbook. This will be discussed at the February Board and Council meeting to determine a way forward.

From the Handbook, the following are available in the Members Section of the website:

- IDSc Code of Professional Ethics
- IDSc Constitution of College Fellows
- IDSc Governance Policy
- IDSc Constitution & Regulations
- IDSc Presidents & Chairs (past & current)

Obituaries: we are sad to announce the deaths of both **Bill Newsom** and **John Hansford**, both of whom were great stalwarts of the IDSc. **Geoff Ridgway** has written a tribute to Bill and the College of Fellows jointly wrote the tribute to John Hansford.

Articles: part 2 of **Fred Sims-Williams** article completes the decontamination journey we have all been travelling on, to date. It is a reminder of the good work that has been done and the foundation that will continue to take the IDSc forward.

Updates and Information: provides a report on the 7th NHS Scotland Decontamination Seminar which was held at the Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel in Glasgow, Scotland. The 2-day seminar was a great success with over 130 delegates, from a range of professional backgrounds, including support from 18 exhibitors and many interesting speakers on a range of decontamination topics.

Papers: our first paper is by **John Prendergast**, *Tackling Endoscope Decontamination Issues*. This is a long standing problem and John proposes that it is time to provide 21st century facilities with dedicated professionals educated for decontamination; a view I am sure we all concur with.

Richard Bancroft is the author of our second paper. Richard discusses *Detergents for cleaning of re-usable medical devices*, why we need detergents, the types of detergents, their parameters and the importance of water quality. As you can see, there is much more to a detergent than just a surfactant solution in water and the correct formulation is of

paramount importance to ensure good cleaning performance.

From the Archives: *CSSD Quo Vadis* is a report of the Steering Committee of the Association of Sterile Supply Administration (ASSA) from forty years ago in November 1978. **Gillian Sills** was the Chairman of the ASSA, at that time, and is still actively involved in the organisation today. She comments on the lack of a career structure accompanied by proper financial reward for responsibility undertaken is reducing the number of adequately trained persons willing to come into the speciality at the moment, highlighting that training and education has always been at the forefront of the IDSc purpose, and we continue with that today.

Something Different: **Phil Hadridge** is back again in our *Something Different* section and this time he is talks about *'The Exchange' conference format: from an exchange of ideas*. Phil suggests that we could redesign the traditional conference; taking out the boring bits and the need for everyone to sit together at the same time; now that sounds good!

Opinions: in this edition we have two opinion pieces. The first one is by a new author, **Dr Pierre Bonnin**, a senior researcher at Aseptium, *Why measure protein quantity when looking for contamination?* Pierre states that the aim of his article is to provide a review on protein contamination. He also describes what proteins are and to reinforce the need of protein detection in decontamination units.

The second one is from **Pawel de Sternberg Stojalowski**, *Process Challenge Devices for cleaning evaluation and how to go about them*. Pawel reminds us of the idea behind PCDs, the different instruments and challenges we are faced with and proposes that PCDs can make it a lot simpler, and add value, to the quality control and management of efficient and effective cleaning process monitoring.

Interview: **Fred Sims Williams**, the Chairman of the IDSc College of Fellows, has kindly agreed to be interviewed this time. Fred started his career as a nurse then later moving to the position of Deputy Superintendent in the experimental CSSD at the Old Addenbrooke's Hospital. This eventually led to his biggest achievement in his career... read on!

I sign off wishing all IDSc members, subscribers and readers of our journal, All Possible Joy over the Festive Season!

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