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**WELCOME** to the Winter Edition of the IDSc journal.

**News:** In the news we have a list of successful candidates from the recent examination board for the Technical Certificate Level 2, congratulations to each and every one of them, the TC continues to go from strength to strength, which can only be a good thing for everyone who is involved in Decontamination.

We also highlight important changes to SGS Contract information.

Microbe news brings into focus *Clostridium Difficile* a microorganism very rarely out of the headlines and still a major cause of HCA's, its attraction to the Western sugar rich diet, is an interesting point to note.

**Papers:** Our paper, written by **Graham Stanton** (IEng FIHEEM AE(D), Chair of the IHEEM AE(D) Registration Board) titled; *'Do we run a high risk in daily operations?'* Focuses on the experience

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and reality of testing sterilizers and delivering the decontamination services.

**From the Archives:** is the second of the two part look back to 1975 at The Theatre Sterile Supply Unit at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford from the ASSA Journal, interesting that skill sets were starting to be considered in more detail.

**Something Different:** Phil Hadridge's *'mmm Living the Life'* looks at how can you edit your life so you are on the front foot?

**IDSc Interview:** Our 'Interview with' section is done by **Gill Ellis-Pow**, former Editor and communications Director of IDSc, still an active member of IDSc and a valued member of the Scotland Branch). Gill is an extremely busy person so her ability to produce the journal every quarter over the last six years was even more extraordinary.

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Interesting comment from our Director of Research from the visit to the WHFSS in that we seem to be well ahead of the majority of our colleagues from elsewhere.

**Advertorial:** The Advertorial looks at the History of Wassenburg one of our Endoscopy Washer Disinfectant supporters, well worth a read.

Our twitter account **@IDSccommunicat1** is active, hopefully we can get some interesting conversations on relevant subjects going on.

You can also find us on Facebook and LinkedIn.

Once again I would actively encourage all our membership to contribute to the journal, if you have particular subjects you wish to see covered please let me know, the Technical working group are looking at up and coming R&D across the world of Decontamination, the Education side of things is going from strength to strength, all very promising for the future of IDSc, remember it's your Journal and we are all working to the same goal so let's make it work for us.

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