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WELCOME to our Conference journal; it's hard to believe it's that time again. In this edition, you will find the IDSc 2016 Conference Programme on page 43. It is packed with great speakers and topics and I do hope that you will find the time to join us in Blackpool in November. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

We have, again, a full journal filled with news, views, papers and opinions.

The first paper is by **Wayne Spencer** taking us through the necessity for detergents in the washing process. Wayne explains what detergents are, how they work and the different types for manual and automated washing and why water alone is insufficient for cleaning.

Our second paper, by **M. Pietcsch, B. Kraft** and **W. Kohnen**, discusses the *Effectiveness of brush cleaning for microbial elimination from endoscope channels*. The results demonstrate that intensive irrigation of the endoscope channels during manual pre-cleaning is needed for effective microbial

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elimination; a most critical part of the manual cleaning process.

Karina Engels describes a *New scientific study using a dynamic bioaerosol test method demonstrates no detectable post-sterilisation contamination of instrument trays wrapped in Halyard sterilisation wrap*. In her article, she discusses sterile barrier wraps and evaluates wraps versus containers and looks at surgical site infections.

From the Archives brings you *The History of Central Sterilization*, a paper given to the Central Sterilising Club in 1978 by the late **David Stark Murray** and concludes that sterile supplies can be provided from a central point and that it can be done simply, safely, efficiently and economically is generally accepted. This is definitely worth a read!

In our Something Different section, **Ross Pow** writes about *Making meetings matter*. When planning an important meeting, Ross suggests how to go about this with the '7 Ps' for *perfect meetings: Purpose, Participants, Principles, Pre-work, Place, Process and Post-event*. Try these out and make your next meeting matter.

Phil Hadridge is back again, this time sharing his tips to make us successful moderators at a conference. Phil's five top tips are: *Prepare fully, Know how you will set the tone for the whole meeting, Keep track, Manage conversations and Know how to lead a panel discussion*. This is a must read for those of us who will be chairing a session at Conference!

I am pleased that our Opinions section is so popular. **Wayne Spencer** looks at the standards that apply to both sterile service departments and endoscopy decontamination units i.e.

ISO EN 13485 *Medical devices – Quality management systems – Requirements for regulatory purposes*. Sterile service managers can now revise their quality system to reflect on all the range of activities included within it. ISO EN 17664:2004 *Sterilization of medical devices – Information to be provided by the manufacturer for the processing of resterilizable medical devices* is currently being updated. In the revised version, the word sterilization does not appear so that this now includes all healthcare products.

The Ageing Population and Medical Devices by **Lizzy Gallwey**, a Human Factor Consultant who explores the impact of the ageing population and medical device and what this means for the health service in terms of development of telemedicine devices; creating an opportunity for doctors to treat patients remotely or designing a successful medical device or product.

Our interview in this edition is with **Paul Houslop**. Paul has been a member of the IDSc, in its many forms and is a member of the College of Fellows. Paul shares lots of information about himself and this makes for a very interesting and enjoyable read.

I know I finish with this paragraph each journal and I'll repeat it again. **As ever, this is your journal and it's so good to see so many authors wishing to be published in our journal. Please do get in touch if you would like to be considered for our next edition in February; new authors are always welcome.**

Let me take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and best wishes for 2017; the year of the 50th anniversary of the IDSc.