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WELCOME to our Spring journal of 2018. The weather does not make us feel like it's spring, however, I've been golfing so it can't be that bad!

The new website is coming along and the intention is that it will be up-and-running by the time you are reading this journal. The way the new website will work is that firstly the new web developers will make a copy of the current website and take it off-line. At the same time they will make the new website live. Effectively the new website will replace the old one and the same web address will work. We will notify everyone via PaySubsOnline when the new site is up-and-running and the steps you will need to take to get signed up on the new website. Once the new website is up-and-running it would be good to get your feedback; that way we can aim to continually improve it.

There are a number of changes to the Board since the beginning of April. Firstly, let me say goodbye to **Trevor Garcia**, **Barbara Casey** and last, though certainly not least, **Tom Redfern!** A massive thank you to every one of you for all the work that you have done over the past years! You will be missed by all.

Our new Board members are **Helen Campbell** as Director of Education, **Pat Oliver** as Director of Finance, **Paul Houslop** as Director of Administration and **Meredith Smart** as Director of Research and Emerging Technology. Welcome and I hope you all enjoy your time on the IDSc Board of Directors.

As you may be aware the journal has not been profitable over the past year despite us having a full 44 pages, the advertising income has not been able to cover the expenditure of producing a journal. It was agreed that I would look at moving your journal to an online version and there has been much work going on in the background to make this happen. In the meantime we have reduced the number of pages to help keep the cost down and there may be one more hard copy journal in August as the aim is to have the November journal as the first one online. There will be an update on progress in the August edition.

The correct membership structure is printed on page 7 of this edition; please accept our apologies for the previous errors.

A revised version of our map is on page 26 and now has the Isle of Wight in the correct Branch colour.

The winners of *An evening of Dinner and Drinks in London at Pharmacy 2 restaurant*, courtesy of Warwick-Sasco, had a fabulous evening. You can read all about it and see the photos on page 8. Many thanks again to everyone at Warwick-Sasco for their superb hospitality!

One of the speakers at our conference in November was **Denise Sheard**, previously a Nursing Lecturer and now a CSSD Training Specialist in South Africa. She tells us of the success in running *the CSFA Pilot Study* of the IDSc Technical Certificate, the amazing opportunity it was for her staff and reminded us that education in a third world country is a luxury.

Graham Stanton provides us with an insight to *the development of the IHEEM AE(D) Registration Scheme and Framework*. Graham is the Chair of the IHEEM AE(D) Registration Board. Here he tells us about the history and development, how the guidance has expanded, the changes that have come

about for the AE(D)s and the way the service is provided across the four countries. One of the major steps has been the development of a new AE(D) Competency Framework along with ensuring that IHEEM is able to attract a wide range of candidates to undertake the course. We all work closely with our AE(D)s and this gives us an idea of the training they need to do and the all-encompassing role they need to fulfil.

The paper in this edition is by **Tim Sandle** PhD and considers *the importance of detergent selection*. Tim discusses the primary function of a detergent, the classes of detergents and the efficacy and effectiveness of detergents. The quality, quantity and temperature of the water also plays a significant role in the way a detergent removes soil and improves the cleaning action of the detergent. Tim also reminds us that detergents are not disinfectants and the primary purpose is to remove contamination rather than killing microorganisms.

Our Something Different section would not be the same without the regular contribution from **Phil Hadridge**, Director of Idenk. This time Phil tells us that *There are 4Gs in Happiness; Give, Grounded, Goals for Growth and Gratitude*. Can these work for you? Phil reckons that these are better than GPRS (grumbles, pessimism, rumination and shame)! What are your thoughts?

Pawel de Sternberg Stojalowski is back with *How do we measure colour?* Pawel describes how the colour of an object will depend on the light it reflects and that is the first element that is required as a reference – for a like-for-like comparison it is best for the light source to be the same for each sample. He also asks whether or not quantification of light and colour could be measured by current technologies, could it be used to read indicators and dyes? As ever, a thought-provoking opinion piece.

Susan Meredith, our outgoing Chairman, in June, is our pick for this edition's interview. Susan started her career in decontamination "by sheer fluke", she says "and the rest is history". I'll say no more...read on!