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WELCOME to the August 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 attract good attention and as it grows its influence cannot be underestimated, not before time will we have a program of learning fully focused on the world of Decontamination.

The Wales and SW branch have took part in Da Vinci training, very interesting read and we should encourage all branches to do something similar so we have a UK wide understanding of the challenges the Da Vinci and other machines of a similar ilk will present.

IDSc are pleased to announce a strengthening of our association with Allots who will enhance our Social Media offering.

I'm sure everyone received notification from the Chairman and Director of

Finance on our change of address and bank details, we no longer deal with Fitwise so no correspondence should go to them; however, just put a reminder in the news.

Microbe news brings into focus a couple of microorganism's recently in the headlines, both a cause of HCA's.

Papers: Our first *paper*, written by **Richard Bancroft**, (Science & Technical Director, STERIS Corporation) focuses on Low Temperature Sterilisation, as Endoscope decontamination comes under the spotlight a question I have often asked is why aren't some if not all types of Endoscopes sterilised?

Typically, the Spaulding classification semi-critical category lists flexible endoscopes but if that endoscope is used in a procedure that enters the patient sterile body cavity or tissue or has contact with the vascular system or blood stream, that endoscope then becomes a critical device requiring terminal sterilisation according to Spaulding. Surely it is not the name of the endoscope that determines the risk to the patient, but rather how that endoscope is used that dictates the risk to the patient.

The second paper "*Temporary SSD unit achieves the 'impossible' at Bath*" is brought to us by **David Stephenson** (Freelance Writer and Consultant Editor) looks at the use of a temporary SSD at Bath Hospital while a long overdue refurbishment was carried out.

From the archives: is the first of a 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 offering reflects on the importance and value of using organisational cycles.

Interview: Our '*Interview with*' section is done by **Sharon Fox**, an active member of IDSc and a valued member of the B&C (Midlands branch rep),

someone who has come up through the ranks and has been a source of knowledge for lots of members, me included for which I am always grateful.

The build up to conference continues, the conference team are doing a great job behind the scenes and looking at the itinerary promises to be an excellent and very educational conference well worth attending, this year each session carries individual CPD so please come along.

Nice Guidelines on CJD updated 19 July 2019 (many thanks to **Jim Brown**, Westfields, for providing information) due for publication November 2019, 'Reducing the risk of transmission of Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (CJD) from surgical instruments used for interventional procedures on high-risk tissues'

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/inddevelopment/gid-ippg10063/consultation/html-content>

Our twitter account **@IDSccommunicat1** is active and starting to attract members hopefully we can get some interesting conversations on relevant subjects going on.

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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