



Irish Decontamination Institute

**IDI Annual Conference
2023**

**There's No Time to Waste –
Green is the Gold Standard**

**13th October 2023
Clayton Hotel,
Silversprings, Cork**

Dear Delegates,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the Clayton Silversprings Hotel for the Irish Decontamination Institute Annual Conference 2023. The committee has worked hard throughout the year to have a fantastic programme, with a line-up of speakers who are all dedicated to sharing their knowledge and expertise in the field of decontamination.

We have decided to base this year's conference on Sustainability, focusing on how each and everyone of us can do our bit to contribute towards a greener environment. We have decided to try to reduce the amount of paper at this year's conference by going "digital" as much as possible.

The conference programme will be available to view by scanning the QR code below.



This code can be found on notice boards throughout the function rooms of the conference centre.

How to scan QR codes

1. Open the camera app.
2. Focus the camera on the QR code by gently tapping the code.
3. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the action.

For those of you who don't use smart phones there will be a small number of programmes printed at the registration desk.

Nanosonics are sponsoring the Thursday evening symposium with international speakers covering topics in the field of Endoscopy, Infection Prevention & Control followed by Training and Education.

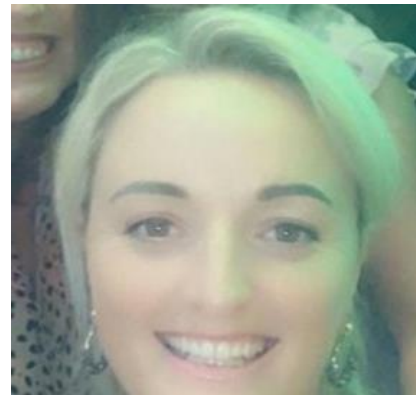
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the conference, I really hope you enjoy your time here and I look forward to meeting you all.

Tracey Scott, IDI Chairperson

IDI Executive Committee



Tracey Scott
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Suzanne Hannon
IDI Vice Chairperson



Tony Mc Loughlin
IDI Treasurer



Andrew Smith
IDI Secretary

IDI Committee



Andrew Carson
IDI Industry Representative

Conference Rooms

Presentations	Harbour Suite
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Exhibitions	Tivoli Suite
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Lunch	Harbour Suite
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Tea & Coffee	Tivoli Suite
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The following IDI Committee will help you with:

Exhibitor's registration	Suzanne & Andrew Carson
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Delegate Registration	Andrew Smith
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Presentations	Tracey, Tony & Team
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Speakers

Session 1

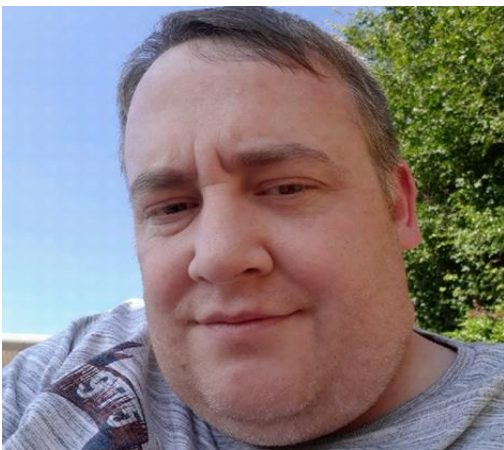
Mr Ben Siegmund



Ben has worked in CSSD supply for 21 years, first on the capital equipment business and more recently with chemistry, working for a small, family owned company in Switzerland called Borer Chemie. Having visited over 45 countries and seen everything from very well-funded departments to the more challenging environments in developing countries, Ben has gained many different perspectives on the differing priorities in such departments and what can be done to get the very best out what is available whether it's a little or a lot.

The aim of this discussion is to look at what sustainability really means to CSSD and how we can achieve more without creating a mountain of additional work and resource consumption; essentially, making sustainability easier for all.

Mr Darren Mills



Darren is a registered ODP with an interest in Decontamination Science within the operating department as well as education. During my career I have worked in many roles from Theatre Manager to Sterile Services Manager for a large NHS Trust where I undertook further education in 'Decontamination Science' as well as 'Leadership Skills'. In recent times I have worked as part of the commissioning team for a brand-new Hospital which achieved a CQC outstanding rating at its first attempt. Currently I am running my own consultancy business whilst working for Spire Healthcare and studying for a Master's Degree in Business and Administration with the Open University.

Ms Mihaela Cirisan



Mihaela Cirisan is Global Product Manager for PlasmaBiotics products at PENTAX Medical. She holds Ph.D. in Plasma Physics and is based in Paris, France. After 10 years' academic career in scientific research, she joined a young start-up company PlasmaBiotics and spent another 10 years in developing medical devices based on innovative technologies. As R&D engineer, Product Specialist and finally Global Product Manager, Mihaela was strongly implicated in the development of the PlasmaBiotics products, like PlasmaTYPHOON+, PlasmaBAG and AquaTYPHOON system, and still actively participates in the development of new products, in addition to the regular tasks of her current position.

Session 2

Mr Hugh O Connor



AUTHORISED ENGINEER/PRINCIPAL CLINICAL ENGINEER 1997 – present

Since 1997 I've been deeply involved in every aspect of Decontamination processes and equipment. This has led me to be involved in at least 22 large CSSD/EDU projects. All these projects have a holistic approach from concept to delivery of disinfected and sterile devices. In my role as a clinical and authorized engineer I've always embraced change and innovation which has established my role as someone who can assist better and more efficient methods of disinfection and sterilization. New Technology in relation to High level Disinfection and sterilization has not only helped hard pressed acute hospital practitioners to improve morbidity for patients but increased quality and safety when reprocessing medical devices.

AEDH LTD/SENIOR LECTURER IN BIO SCIENCES 2008 – Present

Our university recently set up a Medical Device Decontamination course for Decontamination practitioners, the course in 2018 achieved the Educational Laboratory of the year.

Dr Gerard Colleran



Dr. Gerard Colleran is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Science at the Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin). He completed a BSc and PhD in Microbiology at the University of Galway before working in the medical device industry as a microbiologist and project manager for a number of years. He joined the academic staff at the Institute of Technology Tallaght in Dublin in 1999. The Institute was formerly established as the Technological University of Dublin (TU Dublin) by the Irish Parliament in 2019. Gerard is the Chair of Decontamination Science Programs at TU Dublin – Tallaght Campus.

He now leads the design and delivery of a number of online providing Certificate and Degree-level continual professional education to health service staff across Ireland and in other countries. The programs focus on Microbiological Controls and Decontamination of reusable clinical instruments and devices including the decontamination of surgical instruments, endoscopes, dental instruments and ultrasound probes. His research interests include pioneering new decontamination and microbiological monitoring/validation technologies.

Ms Beverley Mitton



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Beverley has worked in the decontamination industry for over 16 years. Working within private decontamination supercentres and manufacturers of sterile barriers. She trained at the Aesculap Academy in Germany and has a wealth of knowledge in decontamination processes and many other areas of the industry including medical instrumentation, quality assurance, track & trace systems, data analysis, data management and training.

Beverley joined Isopharm in November 2020 She brings her training background to manage the Hospital iLearn training platform. She is also a member of the IDSc and CSC, and the IDSc Secretary for the Yorkshire and Trent Branch.

Session 3

Dr Cathy Burke



Dr Cathy Burke, a graduate of University College Galway, is a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist and endometriosis specialist at Cork University Maternity Hospital. She is a consultant representative with Irish Doctors for the Environment and is chairperson of the Green Group at Cork University Maternity Hospital.

Dr Burke has contributed to the HSE strategy on healthcare decarbonisation and has worked with the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland in drafting their Position Paper on Climate Breakdown. She is part of a working group recently established by the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Ireland which aims to reduce the carbon footprint of maternity hospitals and gynaecology units in Ireland.

Mr Olegs Tucs



Mr Olegs Tucs is an Associate Science Lecturer with Technological University Dublin since 2018. Student coordinator for Higher Certificate and BSc degree programs in Medical Device Decontamination Management in TU Dublin Tallaght campus. Started professional career in biopharmaceuticals working as a junior member of cardiac drug discovery team in collaboration with Uppsala University, Sweden. Following that worked as clinical embryologist in IVF Centres in Latvia and Kenya before moving to Ireland in 2012 and spending next 7 years working in CSSD department of Sports Surgery Clinic first as a technician and then as a manager before moving to lecturing and part-time consulting with ASP Ireland. Doing my best to help myself and other people to understand science, decontamination and life in the broadest sense of the word.

Mr Sean Gillivan



My name is Seán Gillivan, I am the account manager for Nanosonics. I am relatively new to decontamination and commenced TUD's Medical Device Decontamination course in February. The course was extremely beneficial to my understanding of the industry. I was delighted to hear that I was nominated to present my project at my first IDI

Ms Ashlene Ayres



Ashlene started her career in the decontamination in 1999 Saint Lukes Hospital in Kilkenny as a CSSD technician. Through education and experience Ashlene's career path has grown, she is the CSSD manager in Aut Even Hospital since 2013. Ashlene has completed her degree in TU Dublin on medical device decontamination management and has just completed the CPD course in DIT.

Becoming a Member of the IDI

What is the IDI?

The Irish Association of Sterile Services Managers was established in 1989. After the AGM of 2011 it changed its name to the Irish Decontamination Institute to reflect the ever-growing diversity of the decontamination process. Its aim is to keep you as a member abreast of all developments in decontamination. It fulfils this aim by spearheading a revolution in decontamination through the organizing of conferences, study days, training and education sessions, and the dissemination of the latest developments in decontamination to its members. It is a member of the World Forum for Hospital Sterile Supply (www.wfhss.com) and advises on its Education Working Group. The IDI is firmly regarded as being one of the leading organisations in this field globally.

How do I join?

Simply visit the registration desk at the Conference registration area or via the website at www.deconidi.ie to find details of how to join.

What do I get if I become a member?

Official Membership of the Irish Decontamination Institute
Emails, participation at educational forums, conferences, study days, meetings, plus circulation of minutes from meetings (on request).

How much is it to join?

The cost to become an IDI member has been free for the past 4 years. From the January 2024 there will be a small fee, the cost is yet to be decided and current IDI members will get notification of this change.

**A special thanks to the Conference Exhibitors who support
this conference each year**

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