

Central Sterilising Club

Annual General Meeting 2003

Chairman's Report

This Conference marks the end of my first year as Chairman of the Central Sterilising Club. I would therefore like to start this report by acknowledging the support of all my Committee. In particular, much of the burden of the management of the Club's affairs and activities falls on 2 people – our Treasurer, Peter Hooper, and Secretary, Lynda Taylor. The Club's current success is in no small part due to their personal commitment.

Active membership is now over 300 individual members, plus a number of Corporate members. This Conference has approximately 150 registered delegates, certainly one of the largest attendances we have ever had.

In October last year we held the second of a series of successful Workshops, this one on Microbiological Monitoring of the Environment including Bioburden testing. I am grateful to David Hurrell for again organising this event. A third Workshop is being planned for late October this year on Process Chemicals for Washer Disinfectors and Endoscope Processors. The venue again will be in Birmingham.

During the year, the Club was asked to comment on a number of policy documents, including "Guide to Decontamination of Surgical Equipment", the Dental Infection Control Document "A12", HBN 13 (Sterilising Departments), HBN 26 (Operating Departments) and the Model Engineering Specification for Washer/Disinfectors, C30.

Our Website www.csc.org.uk has now been launched, thanks to our Webmaster-in-Waiting, Tina Bradley. I hope that in due course you will support the Committee's request to rationalise the post of Webmaster.

Returning to the Conference, we were delighted to welcome Prof. Michelle Alfa as our Kelsey Lecturer. We have a full programme and I would particularly extend our thanks to the Industry members who put their corporate necks on the block in the Industry Session. We had more offers than we could accommodate this year – a sure sign that our Industry colleagues value the opinion of Club members in Open Forum. Those Companies unsuccessful this year please see the Treasurer afterwards to sign up for next year.

The organisation of a conference does not happen passively. My thanks go to Lynda Taylor, Tina Bradley, Peter Hooper, and in particular to the unpaid hired help aka Mrs. Shirley Hooper.

I look forward to another successful year, culminating in our Conference in Bath next year.

There is no doubt that the Club is overtly successful and flourishing at the present time. However, this can only be through the support of the membership. Thank you for your support – please go forth and multiply!

Best wishes,

Geoff. Ridgway MD FRCP, FRCPath
Chairman

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