

IDI Annual Conference 2025

Delegate Booklet



Irish Decontamination Institute Annual Conference 23rd & 24th October 2025

“2025-AI: A quarter century of decontamination, evolution, education, and new possibilities”

Dear Delegates,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the Hodson Bay Hotel for the 36th Irish Decontamination Institute Annual Conference 2025. The committee has worked hard throughout the year and have a fantastic program. We have a line-up of speakers dedicated to sharing their knowledge and expertise in decontamination, IPC and healthcare.

The title of this year's conference is ***“2025-AI: A quarter century of decontamination, evolution, education, and new possibilities”***.

With the continuous evolving, education and improvements being made in decontamination, we have decided to base this year's conference on several topics. These range from High-Level Disinfection, Phaco Handpieces, Dental & IPC, and Endoscopy which all relate to our everyday roles to help us do our bit and contribute towards better safer patient care.

The last session of the day will be dedicated to the lecturers of TU Dublin whom have work tirelessly with our colleagues and friends over the past 20 years.

As part of sustainability, we decided to try to reduce the amount of paper at the conference as a lot of paper is discarded after every conference. In doing “Our Bit” we are going “digital” as much as possible. Registration is now on-line and E-tickets are issued.

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

This QR 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 smartphones, there will be a small number of programs printed at the registration desk.

Medfirst Supplies are sponsoring the Thursday evening symposium from 7-9pm with speakers presenting topics on Endoscope testing, Pre-wash system using Sodium Bicarbonate & The user's perspective from a Hospital in the UK, followed by a buffet style meal and music for entertainment.

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

Tracey Scott – IDI Chairperson

Committee

IDI Executive Committee



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Committee Members



Darren Fitzpatrick
Ordinary Committee Member



Sandra Dowling
Ordinary Committee Member

Conference Room

The conference will be held in several rooms within the hotel on the first and second floors, there will be plenty of signage around the hotel to guide you on where to go. There is a lift behind the hotel reception desk, there are also stairs at the front and back of the suites on the 1st floor.

Below is a list of the rooms that the IDI conference will be in:

Tea & Coffee – Eiscir Riada Suite & Clonmacnoise Suite – Ground Floor

Presentations – Le Carrow Suite – 1st Floor

Exhibition Hall – Eiscir Riada Suite & Clonmacnoise Suite – Ground Floor

Lunch will be divided into two rooms to cater for all attendees

Exhibitors lunch – Octagon

Delegate Lunch – Le Scaile Restaurant

Tea, Coffee & Deserts - Eiscir Riada Suite – Ground Floor

For those with any dietary requirements, please ensure that the dietary section is completed on the portal registration, this must be done no later than Tuesday 11th November. This ensures that the hotel can cater to your needs.

Meet the Speakers

Session 1 – Moderator Niamh O Callaghan



Sulisti Holmes

Head of Decontamination and Incident Reporting Investigation Centre at National Services Scotland. She has a degree in Pharmacy, a PhD in Applied Microbiology, completed relevant courses such as Advanced in Sterilization Technology, Lead Auditor ISO 13485 and EU Medical Device Regulations. She sits on British and European Standard Committees related to sterilization of healthcare products. She delivered presentation on decontamination related subjects to a range of audiences in 11 countries worldwide.

Presentation: *Phacohandpieces Incidents*



Tracey Nugent

Tracey Nugent is the General Manager for Lumicare in the EUUK region, with extensive experience in clinical applications within the fields of cardiac and point-of-care ultrasound. Beginning her career as a cardiac sonographer, Tracey holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Physiology and has a passion for medical imaging, ultrasound, and promoting best practices in ultrasound probe high-level disinfection, supporting safety and quality in patient care. Tracey started with Lumicare before its official launch, working closely with opinion leaders in the device's pre-commercialisation. Today, Lumicare continues to collaborate closely with end users and decontamination specialists to ensure its innovations align with real-world clinical needs. Lumicare is an Australian company leveraging the latest UVC Light-Emitting Diode (LED) technology to advance ultrasound probe disinfection standards. **Presentation:** *Advancing Disinfection Standards - UVC innovation by Light-emitting diodes (LED) for ultrasound probe high-level disinfection.*



Professor David Coleman

David Coleman received his B.A. (Mod.), M.A., Ph.D. and Sc.D. from Trinity College Dublin. Joining the School of Dental Science in 1988, he is now Professor and Chair of Oral and Applied Microbiology in the division of Oral Biosciences. He is a Fellow of Trinity (FTCD) and the Royal College of Pathologists (FRCPath.), London, member of the Royal Irish Academy (MRIA) and winner of the Royal Irish Academy silver medal for microbiology. Published in 250+ articles in peer-reviewed international journals and books, his research interests focus on translational microbiology including automated minimisation of infection risks from water and wastewater networks and medical devices, and the population biology, evolution, genomics and antibiotic resistance mechanisms of methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), coagulase-negative staphylococci, vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

Presentation: *Your Mouth Harbours a Diverse Array of Virues: An Under-Appreciated Risk of Contamination*

Session 2 – Moderator Sandra Dowling



Alex Prior

With years of experience supporting healthcare teams across the UK and Ireland, Alex is passionate about helping progress decontamination and sterile services through the intelligent use of data, driving enhanced efficiency and better patient safety outcomes.

His work focuses on building genuine and long-lasting partnerships with healthcare professionals to understand their growing needs and deliver solutions that make a meaningful difference to healthcare units, patients, and strategic decision-makers.

Presentation: *'What's Next in Track and Trace? Trends, Data, and the Road Ahead'*



Jesse Oliver

2006 - Started working in SSD in 2006 – Derriford

2014 - Clinical Advisor with Cantel UK

2022 - Decontamination and Stores Service Manager at Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

2025 – Completed BSc in Decontamination Management with TUD

Experience includes:

Designed and delivered brand new Endoscopy and decontamination Unit
Working experience within a large teaching hospital that covers all surgical specialties, which has given a vast knowledge of all types of surgical equipment and reusable medical devices with 8 years of clinical support and training in the field of endoscope decontamination.

Clinical lead for track and traceability software, designing training sessions and materials and involved with multidisciplinary team to support both sales (account mangers) and service (engineering team) Experience and involvement in multiple product launches.

Presentation: The future of flexible endoscopes

Session 3 – Moderator Darren Fitzpatrick



Olegs Tucs

Mr. Olegs Rasheed Tucs MSc Biol., BSc Decontamination Management. Associate Science Lecturer with Technological University Dublin.

Program chair for Higher Certificate and BSc degree programs in Medical Device Decontamination Management in TU Dublin Tallaght campus. Application Specialist with ASP Ireland. Former CSSD Technician and later CSSD Manager with Sports Surgery Clinic, Dublin Ireland 2013 -2019. Before that clinical embryologist in IVF Centres in Latvia and Kenya.

Presentation: 'It all adds up – improving margin of safety for patients in every step of endoscope decontamination'



John Behan

John Behan Graduated from NUIG with an Honours Degree in Microbiology. He completed a Masters by Research in Industrial Microbiology at UCD. After Graduation, he was recruited to work in the Dublin facility of the Dutch Multinational Healthcare Company Organon Teknika Ltd., initially as Project Scientist, and subsequently after promotion to Head of their Diagnostic Manufacturing Division. During this time, he completed the Masters in Business Studies - Manufacturing Management on a part time basis in Smurfit Business School in UCD.

After 5 years in industry, he joined the lecturing staff of the Institute of Technology Tallaght, Science Department during which time he led the development and validation of new programmes including Sterile Services Programmes for the Hospital sector. Subsequently in 2007 was promoted to Head of Department of Applied Science. In 2019 he was appointed as an Honorary Associate Professor, by Nanjing Tech University, Nanjing China in recognition of his leadership role in the development delivery & Management of a Joint Pharmaceutical Science Education Programme between the two Universities. In early 2021 he was appointed to the Senior Management role of Head of School of Science and Computing in TU Dublin, Tallaght Campus. In 2022 he was appointed Head of BioPharmaceutical Science in the new Technological University Dublin and has recently led the development of its first Science based National Apprenticeship Programmes for the BioPharma Sector with Ibec as consortium lead.

Presentation: '20 years of decontamination education, the past, the present and the future'



Dina Budacan

Brings over a decade of experience in the field of sterile services. With a Bachelor's Degree in Sterile Services Management, Dina is deeply passionate about the patient journey and the vital role the CSSD plays in surgical outcomes and patient safety.

She has shared her insights through podcasts and study days, focusing on staff motivation, satisfaction, and the everyday challenges faced by sterile processing teams.

Dina's guiding motto is that "behind every metal tray, there is a patient whose health and well-being depend on the work we do." She continues to inspire her colleagues to take pride in their profession and to see the true impact of their work on patient care.

Presentation: Recognising Sterile Processing Week – Raising Awareness for CSSD Professionals

Becoming and IDI Member

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. It aims 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 with relevant updates, 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 5 years. From January 2025 there will be a small fee of €25 per member. An email of this notification will be sent to all current IDI members with the 2025 membership registration starting in January 2025.

Conference Exhibitors

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Astral Healthcare
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GS Medical
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Inivo Medical
IPP & Brennan
Irish Hospital Supplies
Sciamed

KD Surgical Ltd
Manepa Medical
MDI - HSL
Medister
Mediteq Healthcare Solutions
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