

To: World Federation for Hospital Sterilization Sciences Executive Committee

Subject: (Damien S. Berg) Application to join the Executive Committee

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My application to join the Executive Committee of WFHSS has led me to humbly explore not only my past passions, pursuits and accomplishments, but also where I still wish to go in regard to my work within the international sterilization community. Since my very first International congress, I found myself "bitten" by the WFHSS bug. Seeing the processes and learning the ins and outs of global partners and seeing how the education around the world is developed fascinated me and kept me coming back for more. For years, I listened and soaked up as much as I could – and then I continued to listen and learn more.

While speaking to members of the International sterilization community (vendors, regulatory and end-users), I discovered they all experienced what I did in my early days and what I currently still experience: the challenges of learning the language of CSSD and how the flow and processes vary from site to site and country to country. I have had the privilege of teaching and speaking at several programs throughout the world and it's been an honor and privilege to step outside of my country not only to share the commonality's but to understand and appreciate the differences.

Throughout my years participating, working and being a leader for IAHCSSM, I have made a point of never turning down a request or project. I've eagerly accepted each opportunity that has come my way, including: serving as an editorial board member of *BI&T* magazine and Subject Matter Expert for a scientific benchmarking platform; authoring numerous articles; speaking at Annual Conferences; presenting for the Podcasts; and serving as member of multiple committees and co-chair of three committees (most recently, the US TAG for ISO WG12). I have been dedicated to the greater good of our profession and I've been privileged to share my vision for elevating both the education and collaboration process to the people and organizations who need to improve and grow to deliver the very best in healthcare technology / science and sterilization around the world.

In my role as President of the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management (IAHCSSM)2017-2020, I had the opportunity to bring IAHCSSM and WFHSS even closer together in their common goals. Three years ago, the IAHCSSM Board worked on its strategic plan; during this process, I strongly advocated for the building and strengthening of a strategic collaborative relationship between the two groups – a recommendation that became a core component of IAHCSSM strategic goals. With the IAHCSSM Board's collective support, I then worked with leaders around the globe to initiate the process of building a stronger collaborative partnership and demonstrates our alliance, while affording us a unique opportunity to steer attendees to the other organization's specialties, standards/publications, and other educational offerings.

I strongly believe that the heart a successful organization like WFHSS are the members and from those members is the Executive Committee and to be a part of that committee would allow me to continue my commitment to developing the people and processes that will help sustain the sterilization and science and practices in the future. The action words "Be," "Know" and "Do" lie at the core of my professional spirit. Acting upon those words drives me to not only promote and pursue collaboration with our allied organizations, but also fulfill my desire to give back to the healthcare/sterilization communities. I wholeheartedly believe that success comes from a collaborative, team-based approach that encourages new ideas, perspectives and insights. It's a success that leads to process improvement and, ultimately, better patient care. This is why I humbly submit my name for consideration as an Executive Committee member of the WFHSS.

Yours in service

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damien S. Berg', written in a cursive style.

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