

CSSA AGREE NEW BOARD STRUCTURE AT SPRING MEETING

The Cleaning & Support Services Association (CSSA) held its first board meeting since its February relaunch at Price Bailey's offices in Old Broad Street last month.

Members were invited to reconstitute the board of directors and executive management bodies, which has resulted in the CSSA now having one of the most experienced boards in the cleaning industry.

Former BCC Chairman, and CEO of Principle Cleaning, Doug Cooke returns as Chairman, Bob Vincent,

Chairman of LCC Support Services, will be Vice-Chairman, and Mike Rutherford of Alba Victoria Cleaning and Support Services is Treasurer.

Executive Director, John Findlater, said: "Everyone on the board is passionate about improving the cleaning industry, and we have some of the very best in the business. There's some very big issues for the contract cleaning industry on the horizon, but this team of people can face any challenge head on, and our members will benefit enormously from the experience they bring."

Board members also decided that for the time being the association would function with four management bodies to support the identified

programmes and activities of the main board. These areas are: Health and Safety, Human Resources, Innovation and Technology and Marketing.

Over the summer the CSSA will be working with various partners to set up cleaning apprenticeships, and there'll also be further details about a brand new awards scheme specifically for the contract cleaning sector.

Anyone interested in joining the CSSA or finding out more about the benefits of membership can contact John Findlater at john.findlater@cleaningta.org.

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KIMBERLY-CLARK PROFESSIONAL WELCOMES NEW HAND HYGIENE RESEARCH

New research presented at ISSA/InterClean in Amsterdam last week on hand hygiene and optimal drying has been praised by Kimberly-Clark Professional.

The research adds another layer to a growing body of evidence which suggests paper towels are the most hygienic and effective hand-drying method in washrooms, particularly in helping to minimise the spread of viruses.

The independent research, conducted by microbiologists Dr. Patrick Kimmitt and Keith Redway of the University of Westminster, studied the transmission of viruses using three different hand-drying methods – paper towels, a jet air dryer and a warm air dryer.

The results of the study that were presented at an in-depth session hosted by the European Tissue Symposium (ETS) at ISSA/InterClean, indicate that single-use paper towels help minimise the spread of viruses

including ones associated with various diseases, like those causing gastro-intestinal infections such as Norovirus and Rotavirus.

Additionally, the results of the study indicate that single-use paper towels disperse fewer microorganisms into the environment than jet air dryers and warm air dryers, while also helping to reduce the risk that viruses are blown into the faces of small children accompanying adults in the washroom.

These findings have serious implications for washroom facility managers in settings such as hospitals and restaurants where hygiene is paramount.

Ed Borrini, Target Market Leader for Office Buildings at Kimberly-Clark Professional, said: "We warmly welcome the results of this latest study on hand hygiene in the washroom.

"Credible, independent research can only help facility managers to understand that washrooms should only use paper towels for hand drying to help prevent the spread of viruses, particularly in environments like hospitals and restaurants where hygiene is critical."

The new study was presented briefly by Keith Redway at the European Public Health Conference in Milan



in October 2015 where it received wide interest. It was subsequently published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal in December 2015 (reference: Kimmitt, P.T. & Redway, K.F. Evaluation of the potential for virus dispersal during hand drying: a comparison of three methods. *Journal of Applied Microbiology*. 120, 478-486. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jam.13014/abstract>).

Keith Redway presented the results in full at ISSA/InterClean, Amsterdam on May 11th in a talk entitled "Washroom hygiene: The dispersal of viruses by different hand-drying methods."