President’s Message
Putting Thoughts into Action and Pen to Paper

I have high hopes that you have had a great, productive and successful year. As we prepare to close 2018 and look forward to 2019 and all the promise of what we can do to continue advancing the Central Service/Sterile Processing (CS/SP) profession, I ask you to take a new and fresh perspective on what we do every day and how we impact lives. I know it is easy to get caught up in our day-to-day work and all that distracts us (and sometimes derails our best plans), but if we remember to put pen to paper and thoughts to action, it can help us stay focused and bring about new and fresh changes. It’s an approach that personally helps keep me grounded and moving forward in a positive way.

This exercise can involve writing down (or typing) what we want to do and how we will do it, and then reflecting on this plan frequently (wishing and hoping is great, but we need to outline a plan and direction). It can be as simple as stating what we need to accomplish the next day or as complex as devising a detailed list of what we want to do in 2019 or even several years into the future. Once those thoughts and goals are documented and reflected upon, it’s time to put them into action. Doing so involves outlining next steps, seeking advice and moving forward in the pursuit of attaining that goal or goals. There will be obstacles along the way to success (trust me, I know this all too well). We may fall once, twice and even more along our journey, but we must never give up on what we want to do. In fact, setbacks can be used to make us stronger and motivate us to make our final positive mark on 2018 and set ourselves up for a positive, productive and enlightened 2019.

The closing of one year and the opening of another personally makes me pause to think about all that we as CS/SP professionals are dedicated to our critically important roles and are ready to take on any new and exciting challenges and opportunities that will present themselves in the new year and far beyond. That’s a reality that should make each of us very proud.

I want to personally wish each of you a happy and healthy holiday season and a memorable closing of 2018.

Together, we are strong!

Damien Berg