



ISSA Hygieia Network Announces 2018 Award Winners and New Mentoring Program

Northbrook, IL, USA—October 31, 2018—The [ISSA Hygieia Network](#), an ISSA Charities nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement and retention of women in the cleaning industry, introduced its new [mentoring program](#) and announced its 2018 award winners during the fourth annual ISSA Hygieia Network Award Ceremony. The event was held at the Omni Dallas Hotel on Tuesday, October 30, during the ISSA Show North America 2018.

“Over the last year, the ISSA Hygieia Network has worked tirelessly to create a unique, inspiring, and successful mentoring program to help women within the global cleaning industry succeed,” said Dr. Ilham Kadri, ISSA Hygieia Network chair. “Mentors have been instrumental to my career success—without them, I wouldn’t be where I am today. We encourage every person within the industry to sign up to become a mentor, mentee, or both to drive change and transform lives.”

The ISSA Hygieia Network Mentoring Program facilitates and encourages professional development of women and men at any stage in their careers and in any area related to their work in the global cleaning industry. Mentors and mentees will be provided with training guides, online support, and effective mentoring tips and activities throughout the six-month mentorship. To sign up, visit www.mentoring.hygieianetwork.org.

Concluding the ceremony, the councilwomen of the ISSA Hygieia Network announced this year’s award winners within the four categories:

- **The Hygieia Member of the Year Award**, which recognizes an industry professional who has made a significant contribution to the cleaning industry, was presented to Meredith Reuben, CEO, EBP Supply Solutions, for her outstanding leadership and dedication to mentoring women within the industry.
- **The Rising Star of the Year Award**, open to women aged 35 and under who have demonstrated a commitment to further the ideals and objectives of the ISSA Hygieia Network, was awarded to Gabriele Strano, R&D global technical service, Diversey Brazil, for her remarkable technical and leadership skills and commitment to inspiring women.

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- **The Man of the Year Award**, dedicated to a senior-level man who promotes the advancement of women within the global cleaning industry, went to Paul Bedborough, chief executive, C&W Services, for promoting, supporting, and celebrating diversity in the workplace.
- **The Employer of the Year Award**, which recognizes a company that promotes women within the organization, was awarded to Kimberly-Clark Professional for its focus on catering to the needs of women and championing women's rights.

A **Special Honors Award** was given to honor the late Chris Klopper, founder and former CEO, Mulberry Marketing Communications, for his role in helping develop the ISSA Hygieia Network and his dedication to supporting women within the industry and beyond.

The judging panel included Talya Gitin, director, corporate relations, Catalyst, Inc.; Caleb Fields, manager, teacher through leader talent acquisition, Denver Public Schools; Michelle Marshall, editor, *European Cleaning Journal*; Kyle Ogden, former ISSA board member; and Dan Weltin, editor-in-chief, Trade Press Media Group.

“The ISSA Hygieia Network will continue to recognize the talented and inspiring women and men who are passionate about driving inclusivity and diversity within the workplace,” said Kadri. “Looking ahead, the ISSA Hygieia Network is determined to create a bright and prosperous future where mentors and mentees learn from one another and leave a positive impact not only on the industry, but the entire world.”

To sign up for the ISSA Hygieia Network Mentoring Program, visit www.mentoring.hygieianetwork.org.

About the ISSA Hygieia Network

Named after the Greek goddess of cleaning and hygiene, the ISSA Hygieia Network is an international community dedicated to the advancement and retention of women in all branches and at all levels of the global cleaning industry, with special focus on cleaners' advancement. For more information, visit www.hygieianetwork.org or follow us on social media: Facebook: www.facebook.com/ISSA-Hygieia-Network-1956654727895864/ and Twitter: www.twitter.com/hygieianetwork.



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With more than 9,200 members—including distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, building service contractors, in-house service providers, residential cleaners, and associated service members—ISSA is the world's leading trade association for the cleaning industry. The association is committed to changing the way the world views cleaning by providing its members with the business tools they need to promote cleaning as an investment in human health, the environment, and an improved bottom line. Headquartered in Northbrook, IL, USA, the association has regional offices in Mainz, Germany; Botany, Australia; and Shanghai, China. Visit www.issa.com, call 800-225-4772 (North America) or 847-982-0800, join the discussion with [ISSA's LinkedIn group](#), and follow ISSA on our [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#).

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