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IAHTM Set for 2017 Annual Meeting and Education Conference, Oct. 14-17, Charleston, SC

Powell, OH. – Oct. 12, 2017 – With professional development as the intended upshot, the International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM) is gearing up for its 2017 Annual Meeting and Education Conference, which will be held Oct. 14-17 in Charleston, SC. The conference will feature a variety of speakers who will be presented on a range of relevant industry topics.

IAHTM is a nonprofit membership organization for healthcare laundry cooperatives that provides senior-level textile managers with resources and support to maximize their laundries' efficiencies and control costs without compromising quality or patient focus.

“Our Annual Meeting and Education Conference is designed to provide an environment where members can freely exchange ideas for the mutual benefit of the membership and also enhance and build leaders within our industry,” said Rocco Romeo, board president of IAHTM. “We continually provide professional development at these events by providing excellent speakers. This event is also the opportunity to connect, network and learn from our sponsors.”

This year's event will be held at The Mills House Wyndham Grand Hotel in historic downtown Charleston. Registration information is available to IAHTM members at www.iahtm.com.

Scheduled conference speakers and presenters this year include:

- Thomas M. Gonzalez; Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez & Hearing, P.A., *Labor Law*
- Steve Twombly, Automation Dynamics, *Eliminate Cart Wash Dwell Time*
- David Maurer and Rich Donelle, Creative Products International, *Microfiber Mops vs. Disposables*
- Angela Becker, Ecolab, *Minimizing Your Risk with Laundry*
- John Scherberger, Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council, *Proper Storage and Handling of HCTs in Healthcare Facilities*
- Peter Menaker, Omni Solutions, *Ultraviolet Light Advanced Oxidation Systems*
- David Stern, Paris Companies, *Future of Healthcare Laundry Processing*
- Brad Bushman, Standard Textile, *Infection Prevention*
- Ed McCauley, United Hospital Services, *Benchmarking*
- Michael Overcash Ph.D., Wichita State University, *Hospital Reusable Textiles Improving Sustainability*

- Ed Kwasnick, Arco-Murray, *What's Hot? Current Construction Trends and the Impact on the Industry*
- Charles Rossmiller, Medline; Sean Morham, Applied Silver; *SilvaClean – Test Results Hit the Mark: How Silver Ion Technology Will Change Healthcare Laundry Process*
- Andrew Streifel, MPH, REHS; Lynne Schulster, Ph.D.; *Environmental Best Practices for Infection Prevention in Healthcare Laundries*
- Alan Schwartz, FashionSeal, *How Today's Global Concerns Affect Our Industry in 2018.*

About IAHTM

Founded in 1969, the International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM) is a nonprofit organization serving healthcare laundry cooperatives. IAHTM membership comprises experienced laundry executives serving 7,000 healthcare facilities in the USA and Canada. IAHTM members have access to training and education programs, benchmarking resources, peer information sharing and networking, and group purchasing power on textiles and chemicals. www.iahtm.com