

## SESAM Newsletter - April 2024

### 29th Annual Meeting of SESAM

This year's Meeting in Prague is shaping up nicely, and speakers are being announced. Keep an eye on social media and the event website for details of keynotes and other sessions.

Those of you who completed last year's event survey were entered into a prize draw to win 3 nights' accommodation for this year's Annual Meeting. The lucky winner Helen Fuglsang Kock will enjoy free accommodation at the modern Stages Hotel, next to the O2. See our specially negotiated rates [here](#).



Stages Hotel

### Call to Arms - Make a Difference

#### Executive Committee: Members at Large

The Society's recently amended Bylaws ensure the sustainability of the Society and provide for significant changes to the Executive Committee with the introduction of three Members at Large who may be assigned to additional areas, including but not limited to:

- Communities of Practice (COPs)
- Affiliates
- Accreditation
- Industry liaison
- Mentoring
- Member of Financial Working Group led by Treasurer

All current members of SESAM are eligible to nominate. Nominations will be sought throughout April, with elections towards the end of May, and the successful nominees will be officially welcomed to the Executive Committee at the AGM in Prague.

The current Executive Committee will host two webinars outlining the new roles next week:

SESAM Executive Committee: Members at Large Webinar [link here](#)

Tuesday 9 April 1100 CET OR Thursday 18 April 1700 CET

**The Call to Service: Education Committee volunteers needed**

#### Quick Links

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[29th Annual Meeting](#)



**29th Annual Meeting of SESAM**  
Registration is open

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We are currently seeking dedicated members to join the SESAM Education Committee, a core initiative aimed at empowering healthcare professionals through simulation-based methods. This committee plays a pivotal role in supporting our members as they develop and implement their abilities to leverage simulation for education, ultimately enhancing patient care and safety across the healthcare spectrum.

**Why volunteer?**

**Impact:** Your involvement will directly contribute to the elevation of healthcare simulation education standards and practices.

**Community:** Join a network of passionate professionals who share your commitment to excellence in healthcare simulation.

**Growth:** Enhance your skills and knowledge in simulation-based education, leadership, and collaboration.

**Commitment:**

Volunteering for the Education Committee requires approximately 2 hours per month. This includes participation in a virtual meeting and the completion of various tasks aimed at promoting and supporting our mission. We strive to make this experience both impactful and manageable, respecting your professional and personal commitments.

**How to apply:**

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please email [secretary@sesamsociety.org](mailto:secretary@sesamsociety.org).

We welcome all SESAM members who are passionate about simulation in healthcare education to consider joining.

**Together, we can make a difference**

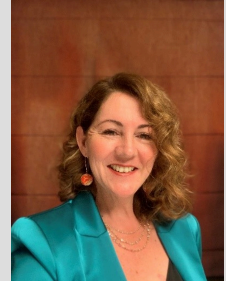
By volunteering for the Education Committee, you will be at the forefront of a movement to enhance healthcare education through simulation. This is an opportunity to give back to the community, share your expertise, and shape the future of healthcare education.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve and make a significant impact. We look forward to potentially welcoming you to the Education Committee and witnessing the incredible contributions you will bring.

Warmest regards,

Kirsty J Freeman

SESAM Secretary



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**CoPs**

Members recently voted on revisions to the Bylaws which included approving the change from Special Interest Groups to Communities of Practice (CoPs). Guidance on the support available for SESAM CoPs is available [here](#).

**Nursing CoP**

At the next World Café Session, Nursing CoP members will agree priorities, foster collaboration, promote innovation, facilitate networking, and develop actionable plans, including:

- exploring and reshaping the mission, vision, and objectives of the CoP in accordance with the aims of SESAM;
- creating/facilitating a collaborative and supportive environment among members that can lead to valuable connections, partnerships, and shared experiences;
- creating/facilitating opportunities to share best practice, standards, and research in simulation to enhance the delivery of simulation to our learners.
- actively supporting CoP simulation educators and practitioners through education, mentoring and research;
- increasing the presence of the CoP at the Annual Meeting, not only through the CoP meeting, but also through activities such as workshops.

Thursday 18 April 15:00 CET - [Nursing CoP World Cafe Sessions](#).

**Technology and Innovation CoP**

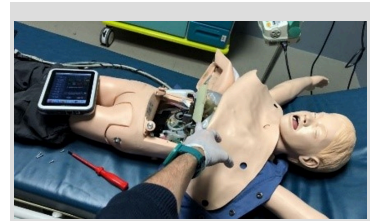
**Explore the Exhibition and Sponsorship opportunities at SESAM 2024**

[View the prospectus](#)

**places are selling fast!**

The Technology and Innovation Community of Practice has a brand-new guise! Innovation and technology are among the pillars of simulation in healthcare. Yet, this community does not always have a clear voice and visibility. The purpose of this CoP is to reach simulation technicians and innovators from industry and academia and get them more involved in the SESAM society.

The first plenary meeting of the CoP will take place during the SESAM Annual Meeting in Prague on Thursday 20 June 20 12:45-13:45. During the meeting, the four members of the committee, Serena Ricci (Chair), Antonio Scalogna, Maria Pilar Alzuguren Maza, and Willem van Meurs will introduce themselves and provide an overview of the topics that can be covered within the CoP. Come and join us!



Simulation technician working on a sensorized manikin

### Strengthening Bonds: Partnerships renewed for a brighter future

We are delighted to have recently entered into a new affiliation agreement with Morocco Sim, signed by President Francisco Maio Matos recently at HTIC 2024 in Fez.

Our Affiliate Societies benefit from special discounts on Standard rate. Please contact your Society for the relevant code.



SESAM President Francisco Maio Matos with Morocco Sim President Mohammed Mouhaoui

### Book review by Marc Lazarovici, SESAM Member and Past President

Review of "Handbook of Augmented Reality Training Design Principles" by Laura Militello, Christen E. Sushereba and Sowmya Ramachandran

Let me start by saying that I very much enjoyed reading this book – although it is, in fact, a textbook, it can be read almost like a good novel. The flow of ideas is very clear and in a certain way addictive, so you feel compelled to continue reading. While this might sound like a threat to some, it really is high praise.

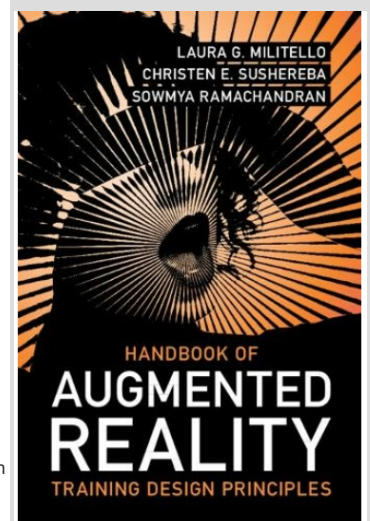
The book introduces the reader to eleven design principles for creating training based on or using AR. The real-world examples are taken from a variety of fields, mainly healthcare and military, but all have in common the necessity for quick situation assessment and decision making. Thus, even for readers with a healthcare background, all examples are very easy to follow.

What sets this book apart is its versatility. Basically, you can go through the book chapter by chapter, in the order proposed by the authors – and that will create a coherent image on the current state of training using Augmented Reality (AR), along with the underlying design principles. However, the book's utility extends beyond a first-time read; it serves as a valuable reference for future consultations, allowing readers to delve directly into specific chapters or sections as needed. All presented concepts are well illustrated and supported by literature findings – so anyone interested in diving deeper into a specific field can easily do so by following the bibliography.

Moreover, the book does an excellent job of covering key components such as engagement, fidelity, and realism. It provides readers with a solid theoretical foundation while also exploring the practical aspects of scenario-based training in augmented reality. The concepts of scenario-based training in the context of augmented reality are well presented and help the reader, even if familiar with traditional simulation, to expand their horizon.

A particularly noteworthy feature of the book is the "Learn, Experience, Reflect" framework. This hands-on guide to applying the principles of AR in real-life training scenarios offers a clear, structured approach, and it ensures that the theoretical knowledge gained from the book can be effectively translated into practical application.

In conclusion, this textbook is a remarkable and useful resource for anyone interested in the intersection of education, technology, and augmented reality. Whether one is seeking to enhance their understanding of AR in training or looking for a reliable reference for future projects, I would definitely recommend it.



Book cover of Handbook of Augmented Reality Training Design Principles

