



SOCIETY FOR
SIMULATION IN EUROPE

SESAM Newsletter - July 2024

Address from the President

It is an honour and privilege to assume the presidency of the Society for Simulation in Europe (SESAM). I consider it an enormous privilege to work with colleagues who share a common passion for advancing the field of simulation in healthcare. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to outgoing President and friend Francisco Maio Matos, who provides an exemplary model for me to try to follow. I will value his ongoing input and counsel as he assumes the role of Immediate Past President.

As I start my term as President of our Society, I anticipate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for SESAM. The Society is currently at its strongest point ever. Our membership has reached a record high, we have committed and skilled volunteers throughout the organization, our financial status is stronger, and we are supported by an enthusiastic and highly professional team.

In this scenario, I would like to express my commitment to maintain our Society's focus and goals, serving SESAM members, the healthcare community and ultimately the public. In the years ahead, expect growth and activity in each of these areas:

Education and Research

While we will devote resources and energy to continuing to deliver highly productive Annual Meetings, at the same time, thanks to our new Education Committee, we will encourage new initiatives to build the SESAM community and advance its mission, including distance learning and other innovative activities by simulationists and other professionals. Our Research Committee has added the innovative Research Summit to consolidate our catalogue of offerings to support the development of simulation research. The goal is to drive conversations on the present and future of simulation research in Europe. This one-day, in-person event promises to be an exciting exploration of the latest research from SESAM esteemed research community and beyond.

International Influence

In recent years, through the dedication of Vice President Tamara Skříšová, we have strengthened our connections with affiliated societies. Now I believe it is time to cultivate deeper and more substantial collaborations with esteemed European organizations to amplify our collective impact and expand our reach in the field of simulation. We will offer all the support we can to make the national communities expand because if they grow, we will also grow directly.

Consolidation of the Society

SESAM's legal and financial stability has been a growing concern in recent years and will continue to be a priority for the foreseeable future. In addition to focusing on the success of our Annual Meetings it is time to explore new ways to engage industry and increase our membership to strengthen our financial base. I must give special thanks to Treasurer Pedro Cartaxo who put together an excellent financial strategic plan. Secretary Kirsty J Freeman deserves enormous thanks and recognition for the immense amount of work she does to ensure the smooth running of the society, overseeing changes to our bylaws, as well as overseeing the creation of internal standard procedures.

Communication

We cannot forget the members who are not able to attend our Annual Meeting or the many active communities within SESAM. We must work even harder to ensure that the benefits of SESAM membership are continuously improved and well communicated. In addition to enhancing the website, we will also try to provide a better way to communicate our news via e-mail, through our social channels and other social networking services.

Advocacy

We cannot fail to respond to our members' feedback to make advocacy a more formal and proactive focus of the organization's activities. One of the main objectives of our Society is to help governments evaluate the science on which we expect simulation to be based as a tool for patient safety. But to do this, we need to increase our representativeness. We wield more power when we speak for a society of thousands than when we speak for ourselves. This collective action requires strong membership: if you are not already a SESAM member, we invite you to join us, and help us convince colleagues and peers to do the same. Find out how to join [here](#).

The recently published [Global Consensus Statement on Simulation-Based Practice in Healthcare](#) has already become a fundamental tool for policymakers, healthcare organization leaders, educational institutions, and simulation practitioners. And we will continue our official endorsement campaign so that its impact will be amplified, and its principles will be widely adopted.

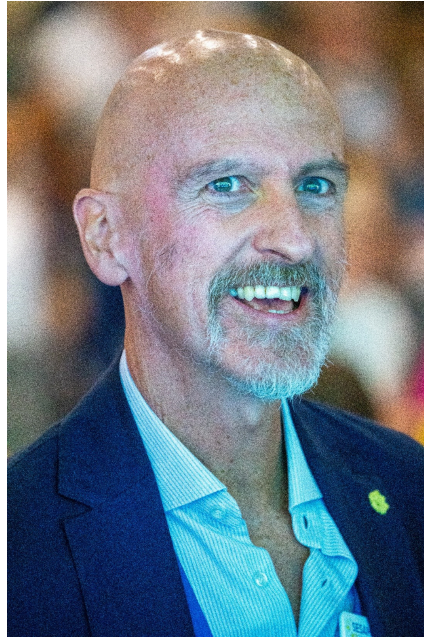
As I assume leadership of the Society, I find it to be a strong, dynamic and growing organization. And all thanks, not only to devoted leadership, the Executive Committee, and efficient staff from Worldspan - Kirstin and Stephen in particular - but also - and above all - to an ever-growing number of dedicated and talented volunteer members. I would like to give particular thanks to the Scientific Committee, the Research and the new Educational Committee, all the members of the CoPs, the team of SIM University, the Mentoring programme chair and all mentors, the Accreditation group, the Editor in Chief and all Editorial Board members of our official journal *Advances in Simulation*.

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The future of our Society looks bright. I believe that through collaboration, teamwork and fidelity to our values, we can improve patient care by providing leadership, promoting standards and supporting all those involved in the broad discipline of healthcare education and risk reduction, through all stages of a career. I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you.

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Pier Luigi Ingrassia - SESAM President

29th Annual Meeting of SESAM

We hope everyone has returned home safely from Prague. See video highlights [here](#).

We loved seeing your posts on social media which resulted in #SESAM2024 being the highest trending hashtag in Czech Republic!

Feedback has been incredibly positive from delegates and speakers, with highlights including workshops, e-Posters, the event app, networking opportunities and the exhibition.

Please tell us what you thought and help us make next year's Meeting even better by completing the delegate survey, entitling you to receive a certificate including EACCME Accreditation. Certificates will be sent to those who have completed the survey following the submission of feedback to EACCME (w/c 15 July). Access the delegate survey [here](#). A separate Exhibitor/Industry survey will be sent shortly.

Quick Links

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Welcome

If this was your first SESAM meeting, we hope you felt welcomed and included.

To benefit from year-round opportunities including access to Mentoring, educational events, reduced processing fee on Advances in Simulation and lots more, please consider joining SESAM as a member. See more details [here](#).



SESAM Speed Connect - Prague

Affiliations



SESAM continues to foster and establish great relationships with societies worldwide, and Prague was no exception, with new agreements signed.

Should you be interested in entering into an Affiliation agreement, please contact vicepresident@sesamsociety.org



SESAM 2025 Valencia

We are looking forward to next year's Meeting in Valencia with the theme 'Developing, Adopting and Embedding Innovative Simulation'

Representatives from SESSEP will provide local insight, joining the Scientific Committee and helping organize a memorable event. Keep an eye on emails and social media for abstract submission dates.

Next year's event will kick off on Tuesday 24 June with pre-congress activities including SiReN Summit: From Simulation Research to Health and Care Impact; and SESAM INN – details below.



SESAM INN

Innovative Nest is an initiative aimed at fostering innovation and creativity within the clinical simulation community affiliated with SESAM. Serving as a dynamic incubator for novel ideas, SESAM INN provides a platform for Simulationists to develop and showcase innovative projects, prototypes, educational programs, and research initiatives within the realm of clinical simulation.

SESAM INN mission is to empower and support individuals/groups within the simulation community who are passionate about pushing the boundaries of innovation. By providing a nurturing environment and access to expertise, resources and industry connections, we aim to catalyse the development and dissemination of ground-breaking ideas that have the potential to revolutionize healthcare education, patient safety and quality of care.

SAVE

Do you teach simulation in a low- and middle-income country? Please participate in an international survey study which will provide the basis for the SAVE event curated by SESAM, in collaboration with AFriSim Network, SHARE and PediSTARS. Access the survey [here](#).

Do you teach simulation in a low- and middle-income country?

Join our vision to **create more opportunities** for educators in LMICs by **participating in an international survey study!**

Click: <https://tinyurl.com/LMICSimSurvey>

Please help us by sharing this survey with your colleagues and friends.
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