

Newsletter - March 2026

Board Update

Dear SESAM colleagues

What an exciting moment for our community! Over the past weeks, we have launched transformative digital infrastructure to strengthen how we connect, collaborate, and advance healthcare simulation globally. This newsletter brings together all the essential updates you need to make the most of these new platforms and prepare for SESAM 2026 in Lyon.

Your SESAM Board



SESAM 2026 IN LYON: Register now



We are delighted to welcome you to one of the most anticipated moments in the SESAM calendar. This year's Annual Meeting promises exceptional opportunities to share expertise, celebrate our diverse communities, and advance the future of simulation-based education and healthcare quality.

Registration Early Bird ends midnight CET Monday 23 March

Meeting Schedule:

Offsite Visits: Monday 15 June 2026

Pre-Congress Workshops: Tuesday 16 June 2026

Annual Meeting: Wednesday 17 - Friday 19 June 2026

SESAM Party: Thursday 18 June 2026 (*networking and celebration at Le Grand Refectoire*)

Thank you for your patience as we transitioned to our new Registration platform. Should you encounter any issues, our team at registration@sesamsociety.org is here to assist.



With a special thank you to our Platinum Partners



SESAM2026 PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME NOW LIVE: Discover the Full Agenda

The preliminary programme for SESAM 2026 is now available. Explore the complete schedule, keynote speakers, research presentations, and thematic tracks at <https://sesamsociety.org/preliminary-programme/>



	Monday 15 June	Tuesday 16 June	Wednesday 17 June	Thursday 18 June	Friday 19 June
Morning	Joint SESAM WHO event Offsite visits	Pre Congress Workshops	Welcome and Opening Ceremony Opening Keynote Dr Sylvie Briand, WHO Identifying global, emerging healthcare priorities Coffee break Parallel sessions Break Hot Topic Debra Nestel & Gabriel Reedy Access & Diversity in Simulation Research Lunch Parallel Sessions Coffee break Parallel sessions Break	Keynote Lecture Stephani Hatch One healthcare workforce, many voices: Breaking down cultural barriers Coffee break Parallel sessions Break Hot Topic SESAM Executive Board Shaping SESAM for tomorrow Lunch Parallel Sessions Coffee break Parallel sessions Break	Affiliates meeting Keynote Lecture: Off Topic Coffee break Parallel sessions Break Hot Topic James Tiernan & Ed Mellanby The magic of creating inclusion & engagement for learning Lunch Parallel Sessions Coffee break Parallel sessions Break
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* Preliminary Programme, subject to change

PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOPS: Deep Dives into Excellence, Tuesday 16 June

Don't miss the exceptional pre-Congress workshops on Tuesday 16 June. These intensive, practical sessions are designed to deepen expertise and provide tangible takeaways for your practice and professional development. These sessions offer exceptional networking opportunities and are ideal for early-career professionals and established leaders alike.

Writing Retreat	09:30 – 16:30
The pivotal role of the Technician in Simulation	09:30 – 16:30
Technique Before Technology: Simulation Excellence across Resource Contexts	09:30 – 16:30
A Global Look at Human Simulation: Consistency in Best Practice with Flexibility for Global Context	09:30 – 12:30
Using the Healthcare Simulation Standards of Best Practice for Simulation Design Across Modalities	13:30 – 16:30
3D Printing Primer for Simulation – How to create solutions to everyday problems	13:30 – 16:30



To view all Pre-congress workshops, visit the website <https://sesamsociety.org/preliminary-programme/>

SiReN ALERT sessions: Call for Abstracts

We are delighted to announce that SiReN will be hosting another edition of the successful **ALERT** meeting at the SESAM Annual Meeting. This is an exceptional opportunity for simulation researchers at all levels to present innovative research ideas and engage with a roundtable of experienced simulation researchers. SiReN is a grassroots collaborative group of simulation researchers within SESAM working at all levels, from novice researchers through to experienced research colleagues.

SiReN invites you to submit an **ALERT (Advanced Look Exploratory Research Template)** presentation about your proposed simulation research ideas or work in progress and have the opportunity to discuss your idea and work with a roundtable of experienced simulation researchers. An **ALERT** presentation is a 5-min PowerPoint slide set that encapsulates either your new simulation-based research idea or your progress in implementing a research project. Our intention is to allow you to present the distilled essence of your study, to fellow researchers after which you will work in a small group, led by an experienced researcher, where you will discuss your project, receive feedback, and have the opportunity to give feedback to other ALERT presenters. Our ultimate goal is to give you and your research team the feedback and networking you need to launch a successful single or multi-site study.

Key Dates:

- **Deadline for ALERT Submissions:** 12 April 2026
- **Confirmation of Acceptance & Feedback to Applicants:** 8 May 2026
- **Final Version of ALERT Presentation to be Submitted by:** 25 May 2026

Researchers interested in participating should submit their presentation via this email siren@sesamsociety.org using the template here - [Presentation template](#)

All SESAM 2026 conference delegates are welcome to attend the ALERT sessions. For further information, contact siren@sesamsociety.org

YOUR NEW SESAM HOME: Membership Portal & Website



SESAMSOCIETY.ORG

We are thrilled to announce the launch of SESAM's redesigned website and membership portal, a significant evolution in how we serve our global community.

What you can do:

Log in to your membership portal to manage your profile,

Explore our enhanced website featuring streamlined navigation, comprehensive event information, and our advocacy initiatives

Coming soon:

Access **member resources**, and connect with Communities of Practice

Discover **educational opportunities** including webinars, CoP meetings, and professional development resources

Getting started

If you haven't already, visit your membership portal <https://membership.sesamsociety.org/> reset your password, and update your profile.

For support, contact membership@sesamsociety.org

Reflecting the breadth and diversity of our community, SESAM is delighted to introduce an enhanced and more inclusive membership structure. These updates are designed to ensure that individuals and organisations across all regions can engage with and benefit from our work.

What's new?

A **tiered membership system** that makes SESAM membership more accessible for individuals and institutions in lower-income countries.

A new **Undergraduate Student** membership category, supporting the next generation of simulation professionals.

A new **Corporate membership** category, strengthening industry representation within our community.

Updated membership rates, approved at the SESAM Annual General Meeting in June 2025, including a 12% adjustment to the base rate for Individual membership and a 17% adjustment for Institutional membership.

These changes reflect our commitment to equity, growth, and long-term sustainability, helping us better serve and represent our global simulation community.

SESAM 2026 BOARD ELECTIONS: Nominations Now Open

This is your opportunity to shape SESAM's leadership and governance.

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Board Elections. We are seeking candidates for the position of **Secretary (2-year term, renewable once)**

This is an exceptional opportunity to contribute directly to SESAM's strategic direction, governance, and global mission. Whether you are an experienced leader or an emerging voice, we encourage you to consider standing for election.

Understanding the Time Commitment

The Secretary role requires dedication and active engagement. You should anticipate approximately 5-8 hours per week. This is a meaningful commitment requiring strong organisational skills, attention to detail, and genuine passion for advancing SESAM's mission.

Key Election Timeline

- **Nominations Open:** Monday 16 March 2026
- **Nominations Close:** Sunday 5 April 2026
- **Candidate Announcement & Voting Opens:** Thursday 9 April 2026
- **Voting Closes:** Sunday 27 April 2026
- **Formal Endorsement:** SESAM AGM, Wednesday 17 June 2026

How to Nominate: Complete the [Nomination Form](#) by 5 April 2026. Candidates must submit:

- A brief written statement of intent
- A video presentation to members outlining your suitability for the role
- A conflict-of-interest declaration
- For questions, contact executive.director@sesamsociety.org