

Newsletter - May 2026

BOARD UPDATE

Dear SESAM colleagues

With just weeks to go until we gather in Lyon, there has never been a more exciting – or busy – time across the Society. This edition of the newsletter reflects the breadth of activity happening at every level: from governance and global partnerships to mentorship, research, and the final preparations for SESAM 2026.

The Board has been working hard to ensure this year's Annual Meeting delivers an exceptional programme, and behind the scenes there is a great deal happening to strengthen SESAM's partnerships, develop our members, and grow the Society's international presence.

Read on for the latest news, calls to action, and ways to get involved.
Your SESAM Board



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Please save the date for the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society for Simulation in Europe.

Date: **Wednesday 17 June 2026**

Time: **18:15 - 19:15**

Venue: **Bellecourt 1, Lyon Congress Centre**

The official notification, including the full agenda and any supporting documentation, will be emailed directly to all eligible members in advance of the meeting.

All SESAM members are encouraged to attend. The AGM is an important opportunity to engage with the governance and strategic direction of the Society.

SESAM INN – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an innovative idea that could shape the future of healthcare simulation?

Submissions are now open for SESAM INN (Innovation Nest). This is your opportunity to present groundbreaking innovations in healthcare simulation – whether an early-stage concept, a working prototype, or a mature solution ready for wider adoption.

Finalists will be selected to pitch live at the SESAM INN Showcase during the pre-congress programme on Tuesday 16 June, with three outstanding projects each receiving the **Lou Oberndorf Innovation Nest Award** and a grant of **€2,800** to support further development.



What you need to apply:

- A completed application form with a project summary (250–500 words)
- A five-minute elevator pitch video

Deadline: 22 May 2026, 23:59 CET

Full details and terms at: <https://sesamsociety.org/sesam-inn/>

SESAM 2026 IN LYON: PROGRAMME ONLINE

The full scientific programme is available at <https://sesamsociety.org/programme/>

We encourage all delegates to explore the sessions, plan your schedule, and make the most of what promises to be an outstanding meeting.

If you are a presenter and have not already received details, please contact abstracts@sesamsociety.org

For questions regarding Registration, please contact registration@sesamsociety.org



Join us in Lyon!

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*)



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SESAM EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The SESAM Education Committee was established to bring focus to the core elements of education and to promote excellence in simulation-based education. As a committee, we are proud to represent the values of the SESAM community – representing different nations and continents, healthcare backgrounds and educational specialties. It is through this diversity of experience and perspective that we bring you a host of educational offerings – webinars, the annual SAVE online event and pre-conference workshops.

We are delighted to launch our exciting webinar series, hosted by members of our committee with invited speakers and topics chosen to advance practice and understanding of simulation-based education in any setting. After a short break for summer holidays, we will be launching a monthly webinar series from August. Look out for our adverts in the SESAM newsletter for future webinars and SAVE26!

Webinar 27 May 17:00 - 18:00 CET: Evaluation beyond the Likert Scale: A toolbox for educators

As educators, we rely on feedback and evaluations to guide how we design and deliver our teaching and learning. We may be asked to show how our education programs are making an impact or a difference. This creates a larger challenge – how do we get meaningful feedback or gather data which is actually useful and shows our impact? Join us for an engaging one-hour webinar exploring a toolbox for program evaluation in health education and simulation with experts in program evaluation. We invited members and the wider simulation community to join us to learn, engage and ask questions! Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/U4M8ib0rTZChmpPsj2Gqsw>

Presenters:

Gabriel Reedy - Professor of Clinical Education; Programme Director: Master of Clinical Education, Kings College London; Editor-in-Chief: Advances in Simulation

Thomas Simpson - Consultant in Respiratory Medicine and Clinical Lead for Respiratory Medicine, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Foundation Trust; Clinical and Care Professional Lead, Lewisham Integrated Care Board; Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, Faculty of Life Sciences and Medicine, King's College London

The banner features the SESAM logo (Society for Simulation in Europe) on the left, a central 'WEBINAR' graphic, and the text 'SESAM Education Committee May Webinar' on the right. The main title 'Evaluation beyond the Likert Scale: A toolbox for educators' is prominently displayed, followed by the date and time 'Wednesday 27th May : 5-6pm CET'. Below this, it lists 'Our Presenters:' and shows circular headshots of Dr Thomas Simpson and Prof Gabriel Reedy. A QR code is positioned to the right of the presenters' photos, with the text 'Hosted by Jo Park-Ross' below it. At the bottom right, a call to action reads 'Scan the QR Code to register'.

MENTORSHIP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORNER

A REGULAR FEATURE FROM THE SESAM MENTORING PROGRAMME

A note of thanks and a look ahead

The SESAM Mentoring Programme is designed to foster connection, support, and professional growth within our community, and in this first regular newsletter feature, we are pleased to introduce the programme and share where it is heading next.

As we move into this next phase of the SESAM Mentoring Programme, we would first like to express our sincere thanks to Gustavo Norte for the dedication, leadership, and momentum he brought to the programme. His work was instrumental in shaping and driving this initiative, and we are very grateful for the foundation he has laid.

As incoming Co-Leads, we are honoured to build on that work together and to help guide the programme into its next phase. Through this regular newsletter feature, we hope to keep SESAM members informed about programme news, upcoming plans, mentor and mentee spotlights, and opportunities for additional mentors to become involved.

Programme News & Updates

The Mentoring Programme continues to grow as a valuable space for connection, support, and professional development within the SESAM community. As new Co-Leads, we are building on the programme's strong foundation while reviewing priorities and shaping its next phase in ways that are meaningful, sustainable, and responsive to members' needs. We will be present at SESAM 2026 in Lyon, available for discussion, and pleased to offer a 90-minute workshop on the Mentoring Programme.

Looking Ahead

In the coming months, we hope to share more about the programme's ongoing development, highlight activities taking place within the mentorship and professional development space, and communicate new opportunities for engagement. We also see this feature as a way to strengthen visibility for the programme and keep members updated on plans as they evolve.

Mentor-Mentee Spotlight

Future issues will include spotlights that highlight the experiences of mentors and mentees within the programme. We hope these short features will help showcase the value of mentorship within SESAM and bring greater visibility to the relationships, learning, and professional growth that the programme supports. We were also pleased to match Ayesha Ahmed with Fouad Marhar earlier this year, and they have now started their mentorship journey together.

Mentors Needed

As the programme continues to grow, we are actively looking to welcome additional mentors. We would be delighted to hear from SESAM members who are interested in supporting the growth of colleagues, sharing their experience, and contributing to the continued development of this important initiative.

Get Involved

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, a mentee, a facilitator for upcoming activities, would like to learn more about the programme, or have ideas to share, we would be very pleased to hear from you. You can reach out to us directly by contacting:



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SIM UNIVERSITY – FINALS AT SESAM 2026

We are delighted to announce the six teams who have qualified for the Sim University finals at SESAM 2026 in Lyon.

Following a competitive virtual preliminary round, interprofessional teams of undergraduate students from Portugal, Romania, Qatar, Morocco, Georgia and France will go head-to-head in quarter-finals, semi-finals, and a grand final, evaluated by an international panel of simulation experts.

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SESAM IN THE WORLD

SESAM continues to strengthen its international partnerships and presence across the global simulation community.



MoroccoSim – HTIC 2026, Rabat: SESAM President Pier Luigi Ingrassia and Board member Gustavo Norte represented SESAM at the International



Conference on Health Training (HTIC 2026), organised by MoroccoSim in Rabat. The conference provided a dynamic platform for dialogue, learning, and partnership, reinforcing SESAM's commitment to international collaboration, the professionalisation of healthcare simulation, and the advancement of patient safety worldwide.

SoFraSimS – Annual Meeting, Bordeaux: SESAM was represented by its President at the SoFraSimS Annual Meeting, participating in a dedicated session on interactions between learned societies alongside MoroccoSim, SoFraSimS, and Simulation Canada. The discussion focused on what it means to collaborate as scientific societies: sharing expertise, avoiding duplication, and creating real added value for members with the common goal of making healthcare simulation better for everyone.



IPSSW – Annual Conference, Rome: SESAM representatives Pier Luigi Ingrassia and Serena Ricci met with the leadership of IPSS and SimGHOSTS to discuss future collaborations and shared initiatives in healthcare simulation. The meeting provided an important opportunity to exchange perspectives and explore new opportunities for collaboration across the multidisciplinary simulation community.



These engagements reflect SESAM's growing role as a connector across the international simulation landscape, and the momentum continues – this June, we welcome the global community to Lyon for SESAM 2026.

SIMGHOSTS CAPABILITY FRAMEWORK SURVEY

SESAM is pleased to support SimGHOSTS in updating the Healthcare Simulation Technology Specialist (HSTS) Capability Framework, originally developed in 2019.

The Capability Framework outlines the core competencies, professional skills, knowledge, and responsibilities expected of simulation technology specialists at foundation, intermediate, and senior levels. As simulation technology and the role of technicians continue to evolve, this update aims to ensure the framework accurately reflects today's professional landscape.

SESAM Board member Serena Ricci has been collaborating with the SimGHOSTS team since early 2025 to develop a global survey assessing current job roles and training practices. Your input will directly inform the updated framework.

We encourage all SESAM members, particularly those working in simulation technology and operations to complete the survey. <https://redcap.link/SGCapabilities>

SURVEY: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SIMULATION RESEARCH

SESAM is collaborating with the KidSIM Pediatric Simulation Centre (University of Calgary) and INSPIRE on a study examining current practices, gaps, and opportunities for integrating artificial intelligence in simulation research.

The survey is anonymous, takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete, and has been approved by the University of Calgary Research Ethics Board (REB25-1575).

Your insights will help shape understanding of how AI is being used – and could be used – across the simulation research community. We encourage all SESAM members to participate. [Complete the survey here](#)

For questions, please contact Dr Adam Cheng at adam.cheng@ahs.ca