

Application for the position of Secretary

Dear SESAM members,

It is an honor and great pleasure for me to submit my application for the position of Secretary of SESAM's Executive Committee.

Although I met SESAM in 2013, my personal cooperation with the Society has deepened in the last years, as I was involved in the organization of the SESAM 2020 conference earlier and as current Secretary in the last 3 year. In this role I got the opportunity to work closely with the current EC and to gain a strong insight in its structure and operations.



Our goal, as Society, to reduce the burden of health consequences of medical errors through simulation hinges on professional development of educators and strengthening research in this field. In addition, we need to put much more emphasis on advocacy. We must expand ongoing activities to interact with decision-makers and leaders. A strong leadership engagement set the frame for the clinical processes and shape frontline clinicians' attitudes towards a safety culture. We, as Society, should do our best to increase leaders' commitment in order to support their organization to learn about errors and near misses but also to develop strategies to prevent pro-actively error recurrence seeking for latent threats and share the lessons learned with staff and the whole community.

Simulation is becoming the standard of practice in healthcare education globally. I believe SESAM is expanding in Europe day by day aiming at becoming the portal of the healthcare simulation pedagogy and learning environments not only in Europe but also overseas.

My personal background

Consultant in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care, I developed further into technical officer in emergency medical systems for the World Health Organization. Moved from the Università del Piemonte Orientale where I become Associate Professor in Technical Science Applied to Medicine. At University I firstly co-founded the Research Centre in Emergency and Disaster Medicine and after I established and led as Scientific Director the Simulation Centre in Health Science (SIMNOVA) until 2020, I am currently leading the Centro di Simulazione (CeSi) in the Centro Professionale Sociosanitario in Lugano, Switzerland.

I lectured in many national and international scientific congresses and I am author of more than 60 research articles published in peer review journals (see [PubMed](#)). I am the editor of the first simulation case book in Italian (see [here](#)) and author of two monographs about debriefing, one in Italian (see [here](#)) and the last one in English (see [here](#)). I am the current President of the Italian Society of Medical Simulation (SIMMED). I launched the training and cultural simulation event SIMCUP[®] and I am co-founder and Editorial Director of SIMZINE[®]. I served SESAM in the three years as Secretary.

I was recently nominated coordinator of National Committee about simulation in healthcare in the Italian Ministry of Health.

I have leadership experience earlier in Italy in an environment of constant changes and budget cuts and now in Switzerland, in Canton Ticino where I'm actively contributing in establishing a network of simulation center and labs. I love define myself as a simulation enthusiast. I enjoy developing new training and research

projects that encourage and promote innovation in healthcare and increase quality of care and patient safety. I am very interested in different cultures and speak three languages (Italian, English and Spanish). I have a lovely family, a beautiful wife and a wonderful daughter.

More info [here](#)

My achievements as past Secretary

As Secretary I believe I was successful in establishing a collaborative and friendly environment across my responsibilities and in reaching the goals set to me by two SESAM Presidents, the SESAM Executive Committee and myself.

I have been active in promoting our internal and external communication and suggested the restyling of our newsletter as well as strengthen our social medial channels which were successfully implemented in 2020 and now take an active part in the SESAM brand and reputation strategy.

I played my role in the EC during the challenging and extra-ordinary period of the very acute phase of Pandemic and the aftermath. Our Society suffered a profound crisis, we had suddenly to cancel the AM planned in Milan, which I contributed to organize but we were able to organize a successful congress for the first time in a virtual format, Webinars and e-based educations were further developed and finally we gathered a never seen number of simulation enthusiasts in Seville this year.

My commitments if elected

The strongest asset of the SESAM, as any societies, is our members. We can make a better job of engaging members. Therefore, we need to focus on enhancing active (paying) membership and on communicating all activities that the SESAM can offer.

If elected to the position, in the next years I will try with all my capacities to create new, significant initiatives for SESAM members, while strengthening the existing ones, in order to better unite European simulationists within the broader domain of global education through projects that include but are not limited to:

- Expanding membership, growing the interprofessional base of the society and attracting new funding for SESAM;
- Integrating resources for information and communication technologies to increase the global visibility of all relevant simulation initiatives in and out of Europe
- Promoting cooperation between SESAM and other international societies and organizations;
- Organizing and supporting international conferences, workshops, and seminars, also in order to diversify our revenue stream;
- Developing new opportunities to gather experts in simulation but also novices to expand the culture of patient safety;
- Strengthening the collaboration with the industry.

I am able and highly motivated to put my energy and ideas to help SESAM to overcome the future scientific and organizational challenges. In addition, I am capable and would be pleased to dedicate my time and effort to promote SESAM as European and world leader in healthcare simulation field. I will do my utmost to enhance the mission of the SESAM to support the President and the EC.

Sincerely yours,



