

## Newsletter – January 2026

### President's update

Dear SESAM colleagues and friends

What an extraordinary start to 2026! The energy within the international simulation community continues to strengthen our shared mission, and SESAM's role as a global leader becomes increasingly evident.

I am particularly excited to highlight our recently signed affiliation agreement with **SimGhosts**, further expanding our network of strategic partnerships across the simulation community. This collaboration exemplifies our commitment to building bridges and fostering innovation through international cooperation.



*SimGhosts and SESAM*

#### New Affiliation Agreement



We are also delighted to welcome The **Healthcare Simulation Society of the Philippines (HSSP)** as a SESAM Affiliate and look forward to working with the team.

Our expanding network of strategic alliances and partnerships continues to position SESAM at the forefront of healthcare simulation advocacy and practice. These collaborations are not merely ceremonial – they represent the practical realisation of our vision to build a unified, strong voice for healthcare simulation that can be heard at institutional and policy levels worldwide.

This is where our true impact lies: in advocacy. By strengthening these international connections, we amplify our collective voice to influence policy, drive standards, and ensure simulation is recognised as fundamental to healthcare quality and safety. Together, we are not just advancing simulation – we are transforming how healthcare professionals are educated and how patient care is delivered.

As we build on the remarkable achievements of 2025, I am more convinced than ever that SESAM's influence in global healthcare continues to grow exponentially.

With enthusiasm for what we will achieve together.

Ciao

Pier Luigi  
SESAM President



## Abstract reviews

The SESAM community has outdone itself this year! SESAM 2026 received a record-breaking number of abstract submissions, reflecting the remarkable growth, creativity, and innovation across our field.

Our Scientific Committee was genuinely impressed by the exceptional quality and diversity of submissions. The calibre of research and practice being showcased demonstrates the vibrancy and excellence of our global simulation community.



**Abstract results have been sent by email** - congratulations to all presenters who will be sharing their valuable work in Lyon! For those whose abstracts were not selected this time, we encourage you to continue your outstanding contributions to healthcare simulation. The competition was extraordinarily strong, and your engagement drives our field forward.

Thank you to everyone who submitted. We look forward to welcoming you to SESAM 2026 and continuing to learn, share, and advance together.

Our industry partners play a vital role in advancing healthcare simulation. By partnering with SESAM, you connect with a vibrant, engaged community dedicated to improving patient care through simulation.

View our **Sponsorship and Exhibition** opportunities [here](#).

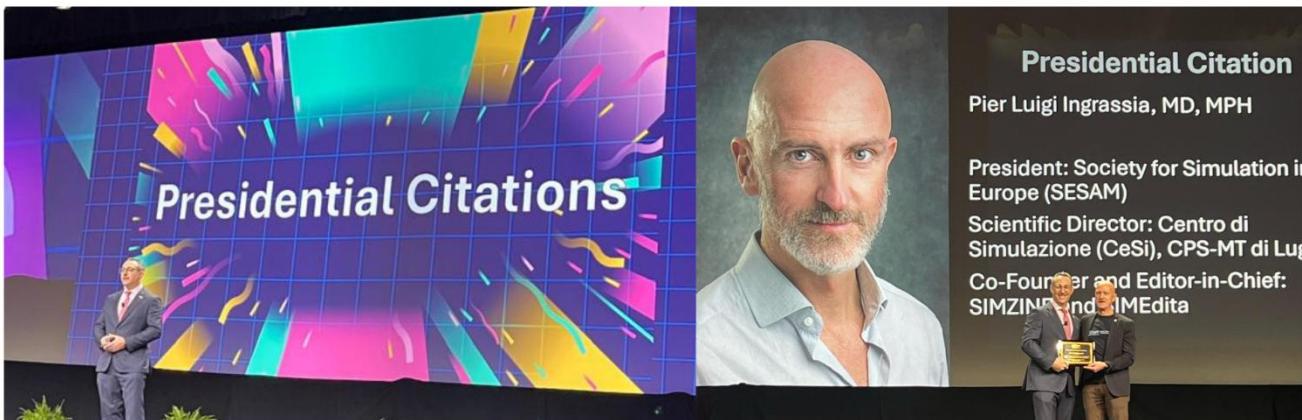
**Start planning your trip to Lyon!**

**SESAM Pre Congress:** Monday 15 – Tuesday 16 June

**SESAM Annual Meeting:** Wednesday 17 – Friday 19 June

**Registration opens soon** - watch for announcements across our channels, including exciting Pre Congress activities and the unmissable SESAM party on Thursday evening!

For the more organised amongst you, accommodation booking is officially open. Secure your stay at one of the nearby hotels offering special preferential rates exclusively for SESAM 2026 delegates. Rooms with these rates are limited — book early to enjoy the best savings. More details [here](#).



We are immensely proud to announce that SESAM President Pier Luigi Ingrassia has been awarded a Presidential Citation by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) at IMSH 2026 in San Antonio. This prestigious recognition honours his work **'for advancing the engagement of a global audience and expanding the role of simulation in the pursuit of excellence in education and healthcare.'**

This international accolade not only celebrates Pier Luigi's exceptional leadership but also acknowledges SESAM's vital contribution to the global simulation movement. The citation perfectly captures the essence of our mission and reinforces our commitment to advancing healthcare through simulation worldwide.

This recognition reflects the growing global influence of SESAM and positions our organisation at the forefront of international healthcare simulation advocacy.

**Congratulations Pier Luigi!**

### Welcome New Leaders - Strengthening SESAM's Future

SESAM is delighted to welcome exceptional new leadership to our growing community.



Soledad Armijo



Cynthia Mosher



Jiří Travěnec

#### **Mentorship Programme Co-Leads: Soledad Armijo and Cynthia Mosher**

Following recent discussions and unanimous board support, we are thrilled to welcome both Soledad Armijo and Cynthia Mosher as Co-Leads for the SESAM Mentoring Programme. Their shared enthusiasm, complementary skills, and professional backgrounds make them the ideal team to guide this vital initiative as it continues to evolve and expand.

**Technology & Innovation CoP Chair: Jiří Travěnec** We are excited to welcome Jiří Travěnec as Chair of the Technology and Innovation Community of Practice, working alongside Serena Ricci as Co-Chair. Jiri brings fresh perspective and expertise that will undoubtedly advance this dynamic CoP's mission to explore and implement cutting-edge simulation technologies.

These appointments reflect SESAM's commitment to collaborative leadership and ensuring our programmes have the guidance needed to serve our global community effectively.

## Spotlight: Volunteer Opportunity

SESAM is seeking dynamic individuals for an exciting new Working Group:

**Communications Working Group Members** - Join a dedicated team to enhance SESAM's global voice and brand consistency across all communication channels. This newly formed working group will develop communication strategies, oversee content creation, manage social media presence, and ensure cohesive messaging that reflects SESAM's mission and values. This 2-year commitment requires approximately 6-8 hours monthly and offers an excellent opportunity to shape SESAM's international presence while developing your professional network and strategic communication skills.

**Application Process:** Submit a Letter of Interest (maximum 1 page) outlining your vision for SESAM's communications (300 words maximum) and how your experience aligns with strategic communication responsibilities, plus your current CV and a photo/headshot to [secretary@sesamsociety.org](mailto:secretary@sesamsociety.org) by **28 February 2026**.

Applicants must be current SESAM members in good standing. Experience in communications, marketing, social media management, content creation, or related fields is highly valued.

## Executive Director update

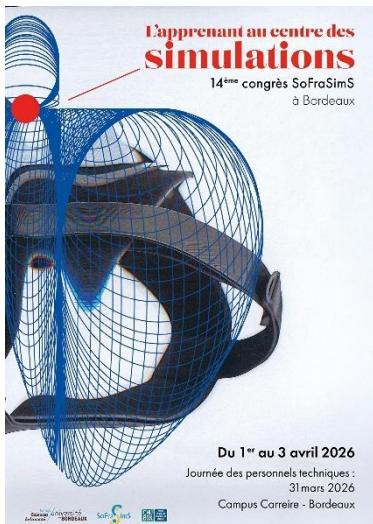
Work is ongoing to prepare the new SESAM website/ CRM for launch. Thank you for your patience.

We have been made aware of technical issues affecting membership renewals. In preparation for SESAM 2026 registration launch, we would ask you to please check your SESAM membership is current and valid.

Should you experience issues, please don't hesitate to reach out to [sesam@sesamsociety.org](mailto:sesam@sesamsociety.org)

**Kirstin Aram, SESAM Executive Director**

## Affiliate News



The **SoFraSimS** congress will take place 1 – 3 April in Bordeaux.

By registering for the SoFraSimS congress, you will benefit from an incredible **25% discount** on SESAM 2026 registration fees.

Hear more from Prof. Sibert, President of SofraSimS [here](#).

## Call to action

Do you want to share news with fellow SESAM Members? Submit proposed articles for consideration [here](#).