

Newsletter - November 2025

Record number of abstract submissions

With the call for abstracts now closed, we are absolutely delighted to report an **incredible 40% increase in the number of abstracts submitted** for SESAM 2026 in Lyon, France.

Now it's over to our incredible Scientific Committee to carry out reviews. We anticipate letting abstract submitters know the results towards the end of January. We wish everyone the best of luck!



Save the Date: 17-19 June 2026, Lyon, France

SESAM 2026 promises to be our most dynamic conference yet, exploring the theme of celebrating the diverse community of healthcare simulation. Lyon, with its rich history of medical innovation and vibrant cultural heritage, provides the perfect backdrop for advancing simulation in healthcare.

Mark your calendars and start planning now! With this unprecedented level of abstract submissions, SESAM 2026 is shaping up to be an unmissable gathering of the global simulation community.

For abstract notifications, registration opening, and exciting programme announcements in the coming months, keep an eye on our social media channels and [bookmark our webpage](#).



A New Chapter in Global Simulation Leadership

This remarkable growth in abstract submissions reflects the vibrancy of our global simulation community—a community that continues to expand through strategic partnerships and shared vision.

As President of our Society, I am deeply proud to share that **SESAM and the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding** that marks a new chapter in our shared journey to advance healthcare simulation worldwide.

This agreement builds on a strong and longstanding partnership between our two Societies and, in particular, on our joint leadership of the 2024 **Global Consensus Statement on Simulation-Based Practice in Healthcare**, a remarkable global initiative which united societies across the globe in defining common priorities for the future of simulation.



Pier Luigi Ingrassia, SESAM President

In today's complex global environment, shaped by rapid change, political and social tensions, and growing pressures on healthcare systems, SESAM and SSH seek to overcome cultural, systemic, and political barriers and to promote simulation as a key force for improving healthcare delivery, enhancing patient safety, and reducing clinical risk worldwide. Our primary shared goal is to advocate internationally for the recognition and integration of simulation within healthcare policy, systems design and education. Alongside this, we will continue to collaborate in research, events, and innovation, fostering a truly global community of practice rooted in inclusion, evidence, and excellence.

This partnership reflects our belief that the challenges of modern healthcare cannot be faced in isolation. They demand cooperation, vision, and trust across continents and cultures. SESAM and SSH stand together in that spirit, committed to accelerating the process of development and professionalization of simulation in healthcare.

SESAM's Global Presence

Our Executive Board members continue to champion SESAM's mission and vision on the global stage, actively representing our Society at key international events and fostering partnerships that directly benefit our members and advance simulation in healthcare worldwide.

Through these strategic engagements, we're not only raising SESAM's profile but also ensuring our members have access to the latest innovations, research, and collaborative opportunities. Here are some recent highlights of how your Board is working to strengthen SESAM's influence and expand our global network.

SESAM was represented at the **9th NASCE Annual Scientific Meeting** in Ghent, Belgium where President **Pier Luigi Ingrassia** and Member at Large, **Serena Ricci** actively participated in a roundtable discussion about the future of healthcare simulation and presented new technologies and innovations for team training. The event was an excellent occasion to learn more about the current state of surgical simulation across Europe. We look forward to working further with NASCE to engage the surgical simulation community and enrich the content promoted by our society.



President Elect **Cristina Diaz Navarro** and Member at Large **Aida Camps Gomez** joined the Colombian Association of Clinical Simulation Congress, sharing insights on the future of simulation and patient safety. Their participation reinforces SESAM's commitment to fostering international partnerships and advancing simulation practice across continents.

As Cristina reflected: *"Grateful for an inspiring Congress with the Colombian Association of Clinical Simulation. Excellent academic quality and the chance to share reflections and perspectives on the future of simulation and patient safety."*



Member at Large **Gustavo Norte** was invited to speak at **the WHO 3rd European Autumn School on Quality of Care and Patient Safety** in Athens, joining the "Roundtable: Patient Safety".

Presenting on "Simulation for Patient Safety", Gustavo brought SESAM's core mission to a critical audience of policymakers, healthcare leaders, and patient representatives. The discussion highlighted how simulation is no longer just a training tool, but an essential methodology for testing health systems, improving team collaboration, and building a proactive culture of safety.

A sincere thank you to the WHO Regional Office for Europe eu and the WHO Collaborating Centre at NOVA National School of Public Health for organizing this vital school and for recognizing simulation as a cornerstone of quality and patient safety.



Secretary **Kirsty J Freeman** represented SESAM at the **European Patient Safety Foundation (EUPSF) Conference** in Munich, with the theme "Rethinking patient safety: Evolving roles and responsibilities in a changing healthcare landscape" aligning perfectly with simulation's transformative power in healthcare.

As healthcare evolves, simulation provides the safe space to develop skills, build confidence, and identify problems before they impact patients. Our SESAM-EUPSF partnership demonstrates how simulation drives our shared commitment to safer healthcare systems.



Global Network for Simulation in Healthcare (GNSH) hosted an intense and enlightening summit in Copenhagen. The event provided an invaluable platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and strategic dialogue among global leaders in healthcare simulation and systems improvement.

SESAM was proud to be represented by President Elect, **Cristina Diaz Navarro** and Treasurer **Pedro Cartaxo Cintra**. We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to these important conversations and to connect with like-minded colleagues from around the world and we look forward to

continuing these discussions and strengthening partnerships in the months ahead through future gatherings and collaborative initiatives.



Spotlight: Leadership Opportunity

SESAM is seeking a dynamic leader for an exciting volunteer opportunity:

Mentorship Programme Lead - Provide strategic and operational leadership for SESAM's Mentoring Programme, managing mentor-mentee matching, programme evaluation, and reporting to the SESAM Board. This 2-year role requires approximately 8 hours monthly commitment and offers an excellent opportunity to shape SESAM's future while developing your professional network and leadership skills.

Application Process: Submit a Letter of Interest (maximum 1 page) outlining your vision for the role (300 words maximum) and how your experience aligns with the responsibilities, plus your current CV and SESAM member number to secretary@sesamsociety.org **by 1 December 2025**.

Applicants must be current SESAM members in good standing and should have experience as a mentor and/or mentee in healthcare simulation or related fields.

Executive Director update

We are working on a new website / CRM to better serve our members. The new, improved platform will provide a space for members to engage and share knowledge. With a planned launch of early February, the timing will align with launch of registration for SESAM 2026 in Lyon.

While we prepare the new platform, our current website will have limited technical capacity which may affect membership renewals. Should you experience issues, please don't hesitate to reach out to sesam@sesamsociety.org

Kirstin Aram, SESAM Executive Director

Call to action

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