

"NAMS" and SESAM affiliated meetings

The Trent Simulation and Clinical Skills Centre, see below, was the site for this years NAMS meeting on Sept 30th and Oct 1st. NAMS is the National Association of Medical Simulation. The meeting is an opportunity for UK simulator users to get together. This year NAMS became a SESAM affiliated meeting – a SAM.

SAM – SESAM affiliated meetings. At the SESAM executive committee meeting in Oporto we discussed this concept. Anyone interested in running a SAM should gather approval from the EC. This will result in linking the meeting to the SESAM website and information on the meeting will be cited in the SESAM newsletter. In return the EC request that the SESAM logo be included in the information of the SAM, and SESAM information be made available at the meeting. Furthermore, the meeting organization should provide a short report on the meeting for the newsletter. All in all, a win-win situation!

For further information on NAMS – go to the website <http://www.patientsimulation.co.uk>

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

SESAM 2005, May 19-21 in Bristol, UK

Don't forget SESAM 2005. The website is already being created to keep all you eager sesamites up to date. This can be accessed through the Bristol Medical Simulation Centre (BMSC) website, <http://www.simulationuk.com>, or via a link through the SESAM website. We are continually updating the site so keep watching! We have such a hard act to follow after the success of the Stockholm meeting. The format was excellent and will be quite similar in Bristol.

Bristol is a nice provincial university city. Bristol International Airport has direct flights from Glasgow, Paris, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Frankfurt to name but a few of the great European cities. Heathrow is a 90 –120 minutes drive. BMSC is very close to the City centre and in a relatively new location close to the Bristol Royal infirmary. Like Stockholm, we are recommending a number of hotels relatively close to the centre. In particular we draw you attention to 3 close to the docks.

There will be a SESAM affiliated meeting, SAM, aimed at non-physician simulator users the day before the official SESAM meeting. The theme of this meeting is the role of simulation in nurse and paramedic training. We hope many attending this meeting will stay on for SESAM 2005.

So start planning you diaries now!

If you are planning ahead and already wish to contribute to either the SAM or SESAM meetings please let us know by e-mailing our website referred to above. A formal call for workshops and posters will commence in November 2004.

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Upcoming meetings in the USA

The Society for Medical Simulation (SMS) founding is well advanced. Our friends from the Society for Technology in Anesthesia/International Meeting on Medical Simulation (STA)/(IMMS) will have the last traditional IMMS meeting in 2005, and the first true SMS meeting apart from the STA meeting in 2006, <http://www.socmedsim.org>. The (STA / IMMS) Meeting 2005 will take place January 14-16, 2005 in Miami, Florida, www.anestech.org.

January 23-27, 2005: Wyndham, New Orleans: 15th International Conference on Health Sciences Simulation, sponsored by the Society for Modeling and Simulation International, <http://www.scs.org/confernc/westernsim/westernsim05/cfp/ichss05.htm>

January 26-29, 2005: Long Beach, California: Medicine Meets Virtual Reality (MMVR); an annual meeting on simulation, imaging, visualization, modelling, robotics, haptics, sensors, displays/projection and their related medical

applications: diagnostic tools and methods, information-guided therapies and surgery, education, procedural training and assessment, intelligence networks and telemedicine, http://www.nextmed.com/mmvr_virtual_reality.html.

Feb 22 -25, 2005: Tampa, Florida: Human Patient Simulator Network (HPSN), the annual meeting of users of METI products. It includes a huge amount of hands-on workshops, <http://www.meti.com>.

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SIMULATION CENTRE NEWS

The Trent Simulation and Clinical Skills Centre (TS&CSC)

On a wet and potentially unlucky day in August (Friday 13th) I was lucky enough to visit the TS&CSC. Under the guise of "trainer", I arrived to spend a day working with new faculty at the Centre. This gave me an excellent opportunity to visit one of the newest Simulation Centres in the UK.

Bryn Baxendale, now Director of this facility, will be known to many of you. He attended the rebirth of SESAM at the meeting in Leiden, The Netherlands, which was hosted by Vimal Chopra, back in 1998. Bryn was the equivalent of a cabinet minister without portfolio – a zealot of simulation but without simulator. He withstood the teasing of his countrymen over the years and the wait was worth it. Through patience and tenacity, he and his Centre Manager, Guilia Miles, have created a wonderful clinical skills and simulation centre at the Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham that opened earlier this year. For anyone in the process of developing a centre it is well worth a visit. With a modern bright decor and housing a host of necessary simulators: SimMan, ECS, HPS and PediaSim, in conjunction with a clinical skills facility, it is an excellent model for simulation training.

The centre is already quite active and I spent the day exchanging ideas with a number of trainers who were well versed in scenario training through ALS and APLS. There is also an opportunity to link with simulator users nearby in Burton and Derby where programmes are already activewe hope to see all of you at SESAM next year!

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News from the German DGAI project

The DGAI project that led to the introduction of Emergency Care Simulators into almost all of the 30 medical schools in Germany has completed phase 1: Installation and training. Currently phase 2: integration of the simulators into the medical education process, is taking place and the resulting national recommendation for a curriculum will be published. Phase 3 is about to begin and will be the biggest challenge of all: Evaluation of the process through the creation of a nationwide data collection analysis.

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SUMMARIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Porto, Portugal, December 11-13, 2003

The SESAM Executive Committee was present at the opening of the Medical Simulation Centre at the University of Porto College of Medicine. The opening of this centre took place the same day Saddam Hussein got captured, so, despite the presence of most national TV stations, some of the news of the opening was aired only weeks later...

The transition in Jan. and Feb. 2004 to a calendar year based membership received a lot of attention. We discussed the preparation of the Stockholm meeting and sharing of profit between SESAM and future meeting organizers (50/50). Porto was proposed as a site for the 2006 meeting. We prepared the presentation of the requirements for organizing SESAM meetings to the 2004 General Assembly. SESAM's participation in the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists was addressed and the notion of "SESAM affiliated meeting" was defined (also see elsewhere in this newsletter). The designation "Industrial forum membership" was changed to the more inclusive "corporate membership." First steps were set to establishing SESAM as a formal non-for profit organization.