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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SESAM Members,

The International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare was as stimulating as ever and holds a great promise for our own meeting in Copenhagen from June 18-20. 1200 registrants, 22 exhibitors, by times 5 to 6 parallel sessions, etc., etc., quite overwhelming!

A personal interest, shared by a number of SESAM members, concerns how educational needs are translated into simulator requirements, and the related question of how physical fidelity (anatomical and physiological realism) relates to functional fidelity (educational impact and clinical outcome). My graduate students, working on a new simulator, sometimes get nervous about my "obsession" with rigorous, traceable requirement specification. At the IMSH welcome reception, they got some help from John Dorling, Program Manager, Disaster Medicine and Homeland Security at a leading simulator manufacturer. John is now using a simulator I helped design in the early nineties, to train healthcare providers in 9/11 and Katrina type evacuation drills. At the time, we could have never predicted such drills would take place, let alone become so commonplace. My take-home message as a simulator developer was to leave enough space to creative simulation developers (which includes most of you) for expression with these tools.

At the IMSH, two European simulation researchers approached me with request for help in the creation of national societies for simulation in healthcare. This was another sign that SESAM has not only survived dwindling conference attendance and membership, a concern around 2002-2003, but has succeeded its metamorphosis from an informal club into a real society (2004-present). I feel privileged to have been part of the team that accompanied those transitions, and it will be with some regret that I will leave the executive committee (after four year, as specified by the rules) at the general assembly in June. I will use the emailing list to further inform you about the upcoming committee election. As an executive committee, we also plan on creating more possibilities to serve SESAM in a number of supporting committees.

I am looking forward to seeing many (all?) of you in Copenhagen in June, and to a year of exciting medical simulation activity in Europe.

Best Regards,

Willem van Meurs

SUMMARY OF THE MARCH EC MEETING

The second SESAM Executive Committee meeting, following elections of the new officers at Bristol in May 2005, was held in Porto, Portugal on March 17-19, 2006. The meeting was kindly hosted by Willem van Meurs in the facilities of the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto. The following is a global summary of the main points of interest to members.

A stepping stone in the history of SESAM in terms of its legal status was reported by York Zausig who acted on behalf of SESAM to establish it as a formal society in front of the Goettingen Court, Germany, on March 7th 2006. It allows SESAM to make contracts and have its own International Business Bank Account in Euro. It is currently registered as a profit-making organisation and can be taxed on the money it raises. At the time there was approximately €23,170 in the SESAM account. This was made of €14,000 from the old SESAM account, a €9,300 transfer from the Bristol meeting, and €2050 from individual and corporate memberships, minus €60 for translation and lawyer fees, €1,800 of expenses for the EC meeting in Mainz on October 15th-16th 2005, and €20 for a membership bank transfer. This last point and the traceability of the payers show that a different system needs to be put in place to collect the membership fees.

Another active front of the EC has been to formalise an agreement between SESAM and the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH – www.ssih.org) as an increasing number of people are members of both societies. SESAM will offer its members a special membership that includes the full SESAM membership, an affiliate membership to SSH and an annual subscription to the journal *Simulation in Healthcare* for 130 Euros. Current SESAM members can be upgraded for \$75.

The meeting also considered the future of SESAM where it should be seen as an inclusive society promoting and supporting simulation in healthcare education. We are hoping that the membership will steadily increase as SESAM is made more visible by contacting more simulation users across Europe, becoming more multi-professional, improving the website, creating a flyer, and collaborating with other societies.



The current EC: Guillaume Alinier, Doris Østergaard, Stefan Mönk, York Zausig, Willem van Meurs (from left)

In order to reduce EC meeting expenses and become even more productive the EC has agreed to use Skype, a free telephone/video conferencing peer to peer computer software. The EC is planning to set guidelines regarding financial limitations for the organisation of EC meetings. The EC has also been active in terms of designing templates for financial statements, conference organisation and hosting, creation of a real membership database.

The next EC meeting will take place in Granada, Spain, on October 20th-22nd 2006. Agenda items will include: Engagement of the EC in future SESAM meetings, organisation of the 2007 meeting, website review, design of a questionnaire to steer SESAM where its members want it to go, raising the profile of SESAM.

Guillaume Alinier, SESAM Secretary

SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY in Porto

The General Assembly took place in the morning of July 1st 2006 following an enjoyable evening dinner organised by our conference host in Taylor's Porto wine cellar with a magnificent view of Porto on the other side of the Douro river.

Following the opening of the GA by the President, mentioning that Christoph Grube had to resign from his position within the EC due to a career move, the financial report was presented by York Zausig, who has been nominated by the EC. As of June 2006 the SESAM account was showing a healthy balance of nearly €23,000, which corresponds to what was reported at the previous EC meeting summarised in this newsletter. The budget proposal for 2006/07 showed memberships and meeting incomes of approximately €10000 and expenditures of €6,000 until December 2006, leaving €27,000 to start the new year. Over the following 6 months, expected increase in membership uptakes and meeting success would bring in €15,000, while expenses would culminate at nearly €12,000 for the same period as we are anticipating providing small support or research grants and pay for the printing of the SESAM newsletters and flyers. The estimated SESAM account balance for July 2007 would be €30,000. This proposed budget was approved by a show of hand of the GA participants in unanimity (23/24 + EC in favour, 1 not pronouncing). Another important item reported by our "Acting" Secretary related to membership status, and the introduction of a real membership database for the society, for which members will have to pay their annual fee by the end of January of each year. This database will facilitate the management of the "Mainz-Emailing list" which will be substitute by a "SESAM Emailing list". As of July 1st 2006, SESAM had 142 registered members, most of which joined at the conference.

Doris Østergaard led the report of the SESAM activities and covered the call for contributions to the Newsletter made by Peter Dieckmann, the introduction of small support/research grants, the expansion of SESAM, the affiliation with ETSA and SSH, the revamp of the website, reaching out and providing support to other European countries, and the introduction of a SESAM flyer to increase the awareness of our activities and remit.

The next important item was conducted by York Zausig and related to the legal status of SESAM as a "registered association" with the Goettingen court, Germany, and the need for further minor changes to the Constitution already updated in Bristol

2005. Highlights of the differences and printed handouts showing the current and Porto 2006 updated constitution were circulated to the GA participants. A vote on updating the Constitution was cast and showed unanimous agreement (22/24 + EC in favour, 2 not pronouncing).

The penultimate item related to meeting organisation. Willem van Meurs reported on the lessons learnt from SESAM Porto 2006 that was organised by a great local team. Doris Østergaard gave us a taste of the SESAM 2007 meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, which will be hosted in her new and spacious simulation centre and in the hospital conference venue with a very particular auditorium. The theme will be multidisciplinary, in line with the vision of SESAM. Despite the call made by the Secretary for a SESAM 2008 meeting venue a month before the GA, there was only one candidate site to choose from! Guillaume Alinier presented his plan to host SESAM 2008 within the University of Hertfordshire facilities in Hatfield, England, where a new multi-professional simulation centre is also currently being built.

Last but not least, the GA had a final vote to make regarding the official election of our “acting” secretary as part of the EC. Without surprise, 29 out of 30 of the GA participants + EC were in favour of York Zausig as a substitute to Christoph Grube, who was sadly missed at the meeting (1 person probably still recovering from Porto wine cellar dinner did not pronounce).

Guillaume Alinier, SESAM Secretary

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL SESAM MEETING IN PORTO

2006: A vintage year for SESAM?

Building on the successes of the 2004 and 2005 conferences in Stockholm and Bristol, 250 (to be confirmed) people from 13 European and 7 non-European countries attended this year’s SESAM conference in Porto. Besides our traditional acute care clinical specialties: anesthesia, intensive care and emergency medicine, also surgery and obstetrics were again well represented, and, I believe for the first time, simulator-based training applications in neonatology and urology were discussed in



Crowd cheering in the face of the big success of the meeting! (Sincerely!!)

some detail. The audience included medical specialists, nurses and medical students, as well as psychologists, engineers, and basic scientists. Abstracts for all theme sessions, oral and poster presentations will be published in the September issue of our affiliated journal *Simulation and Healthcare*. Generous sponsors and a predominantly volunteer organizing committee made it possible to keep the conference affordable without making concessions to quality. Nine exhibitors presented the cutting edge commercially available technology and information support in our field.

My personal perspective of the conference is necessarily limited, also because parallel sessions have become necessary to cover the whole spectrum. What I retain from the keynote lectures and theme sessions

I attended is that we need a holistic approach to simulation: what is inside the simulators, how it is presented to trainees, instructional design, and the trainees mental representation of the patient, colleagues, and clinical environment are all intertwined in determining the quality of a simulation. We need to continue to promote simulator-based training as part of an overall safety culture. Only at a relatively small scale multidisciplinary conference can all the necessary specialists interact effectively.

Standing at the entrance to the Taylor’s cellars, after getting participants out of the busses and to the tour and restaurant, Drs. João Bernardes, Diogo Ayres de Campos and I were approached by a Brazilian and German tourist who wanted some information about Port wine and the city; which we gladly provided. For us 2006, already deserved to be labelled a SESAM vintage year.



Beautiful Porto

Willem van Meurs, chairman local organizing committee and vice-chairman international scientific committee

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

If you would like to submit job adverts related to simulation in health care you are welcome to send them to the newsletter editor well in advanced of the publication date.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND THE LIKE

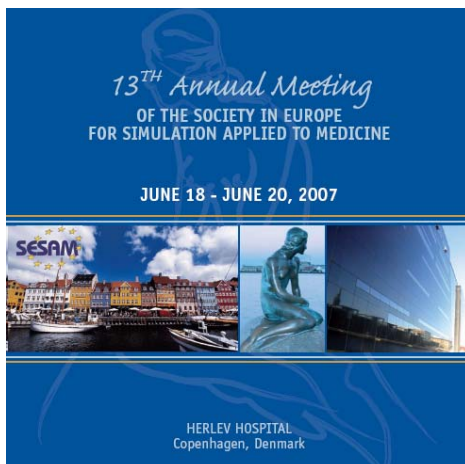
- The upcoming SESAM meeting is held in Copenhagen, Denmark from June, 18.-20., 2007 – check www.sesam2007.ws
- The upcoming SSIH meeting is held in San Diego, USA from January, 12.-15., 2008 – check www.ssih.org
- The International Medical Education Conference [IMEC-2007] will be held in conjunction with the 15th Anniversary Celebration of International Medical University (IMU) at the Crowne Plaza Mutiara Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 20 – 21 April 2007 – check www.imu.edu.my/imec2007
- The SimTecT Meeting will be held in Brisbane, Australia, from June 4.–7. 2007 – check <http://www.siaa.asn.au/simtect/2007/2007.htm>
- The Annual Meeting of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society will be held in Baltimore, USA from October, 1.-5., 2007 – check <http://www.hfes.org/web/HFESMeetings/07annualmeeting.html>
- The tri-annual meeting of the International Ergonomics Association (IEA) will be held in Beijing, China – check <http://www.iea2009.org/>
- The German Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft (Society for work science) focuses its annual meeting around virtual reality this time. It will be held in Magdeburg, Germany from Feb. 28.-March 2. – check www.gfa-online.de
- Joint Conference of the National Association of Medical Simulators (NAMS) 2007 and Clinical Skills Network on 6-7 September 2007 hosted by the University of Hertfordshire Multiprofessional Simulation Centre, Call for abstracts and workshops (Submission deadline: 8/06/07 to k.c.wells@herts.ac.uk), Registration form (Early bird registration: 12/07/07), Directions, Where to stay, information can be found on: www.namsonline.com

Check out the ergonomics-related meetings. The IEA meeting, for example, has many topics related to (patient) simulation...

Peter Dieckmann

WELCOME TO SESAM 2007 IN COPENHAGEN

The 13th annual meeting of SESAM will be held at the facilities of the Danish Institute of Medical Simulation (DIMS) in Copenhagen, Denmark. In SESAM 07, special focus will be on interdisciplinary team training, paramedical and neonatal training and surgery as well as science and research within the field of medical simulation. The meeting will be an opportunity to meet colleagues and experts from all parts of Europe and around the world, make new contacts, discuss science, develop new ideas and enjoy the stay in Denmark's beautiful capital.



The facilities of the Danish Institute of Medical Simulation at Herlev University Hospital include two large auditoriums, several large meeting rooms, approximately 1700 m² of simulation facilities and 500² of offices and meeting rooms. DIMS is thus well-equipped to house a conference with approximately 500 participants and is looking forward to welcoming guests from various parts of the world to SESAM 2007.

The Herlev University Hospital is located approximately 10 kilometres from the centre of Copenhagen. As the public transportation net is very small masked it takes approximately only 30-45 minutes to go from the central Copenhagen area to the hospital itself by train and bus. Copenhagen's international airport is Northern Europe's central traffic junction and this makes Copenhagen easy to reach from wherever you are.

The city of Copenhagen offers its visitors good accommodation facilities and a great variety of attractions – for example historical buildings reminding of 1000 years of history, the royal edifices of the world's oldest monarchy, examples of

Danish design in architecture, the famous Tivoli Gardens and the world's oldest amusement park. But what make the city unique are its cosiness and its open and friendly atmosphere. There are many opportunities to experience the Danish way of life, such as enjoying delicious food or sitting in a café by one of the numerous canals in the city centre on a warm and light summer evening.

Dates to remember

15 February 2007: Deadline for the presentation of concepts/ideas for workshops

28 February 2007: Deadline for abstracts of papers and posters (feedback within 14 days)

31 March 2007: Deadline for early registration at an advantageous price

For more information, please check www.SESAM2007.ws.

We look forward to seeing you in Copenhagen in June 2007!

WORK IN PROGRESS

A new simulation Book is on the way

Richard Kyle from the USA is about to finish a very interesting book in which many people from the simulation community (some of them SESAM members) have contributed. The book will be entitled: "Clinical Simulation: Operations, Engineering, and Management" and come out the mid of 2007 and is published by Elsevier (CoI: I am (co)author in the book)

Peter Dieckmann

A new concept of education at the Simulation Centre of the University Hospital of Mainz: Medical students as facilitators in undergraduate medical education with a Human Patient Simulator

Since 2005 we offered courses for advanced medical students who are interested in strengthening their anaesthesia skills. Our aim was to create an intensive training with a focus on practical learning units and to reduce the costs and the presence time of an academic teacher. We assembled a facilitator team that consists of anaesthesia faculty members and students instructors. The student facilitators get a medical introduction of the HPS before the course starts.

The training period is 6 weeks with five main focuses each week (oxygenation, general anaesthesia, hemodynamics, airway-management, further clinical cases). One topic is taught over one week. On Mondays one hour of theoretical education and one hour of practical training is delivered by an anaesthesiologist. On the next three days the students work in small groups of maximum four students with one student facilitator. On the fifth day (Friday) they meet the faculty member again. On this occasion the students can ask questions that came up during the previous sessions and finally they have to pass a practical test at the human patient simulator.

Overall 30 students passed these courses until now. The analysis of the evaluation shows that all students are satisfied with the course. The overall average grade of the three trainings is 1 (range 1 as very good to 6 as worst). We can see a very high learning effort.

If you want further information please contact us: sandra.kurz@uni-mainz.de

Sandra Kurz, Stefan Mönk, Mainz Simulation Center

Work in progress - call for contributions

This section gave you a flavour to get you hooked! Send in more short reports!

In order to get more "content" into the newsletter besides the important messages and news, we would like to continue this new section in the newsletter. We ask you to submit very short descriptions (5 lines, 10 points, Arial) of interesting projects you are doing, partners you are looking for, questions you have, etc. The idea is a very short sketch and some contact or further information to foster the exchange of ideas and contacts.

The Editors

CALL FOR PAPERS

Simulation in Health Care – SIH

The Society for Medical Simulation (SMS – www.socmedsim.org) created the Society's official journal: Simulation in Health-care: The Journal of the Society for Medical Simulation (<http://ssih.org/Journal/SSH-JOURNAL-home.html>). This quarterly, peer-reviewed journal will be published by Lippencott, Williams & Wilkins. David Gaba, VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Stanford University is the Editor-in-Chief. Jeffrey Cooper, Boston MA; Michael DeVita, Pittsburgh, PA; Barry Issenberg, Miami, FL; Ronnie Glavin, Scotland, and Daniel Scott, New Orleans, LA have been named Associate Editors. Consider to send your simulation-related papers to this new journal.

See the News-section for the opportunity to be an active reviewer for SIH!

SCIENCE CORNER

Do more research!

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Flyers!!

It is ready!! Guillaume Alinier and the SESAM Executive Committee worked hard to create a flyer introducing SESAM as society (thanks a bunch for that). Refer to the web page to see it and to print it. Distribute it wherever you can. The more visible SESAM becomes, the better. If you go to a promising meeting, please do contact Guillaume (G.Alinier@herts.ac.uk) to get some nicely printed flyers to distribute (with approval of local organising committee).

Peter Dieckmann

Reviewers wanted for 'Simulation in Health Care'!

Many of you will have read 'Simulation in Healthcare', several of you have contributed articles. Now is your opportunity to increase the European influence in this international publication. We need people who are willing and able to review manuscripts submitted to the journal (we also need contributions, so keep sending your manuscripts to the journal). If you would like to become involved then please contact me at the e-mail address below.

Please send a very brief curriculum vitae listing the following: 1) your current place of work, 2) your research background (publications, presentations etc), 3) your experience, if any, of reviewing for other journals, 4) your areas of interest within simulation (clinical specialty, professional background, areas of academic interest etc).

If you are uncertain and would like to discuss it further then please contact me at the above e-mail address. Ronnie Glavin, Associate Editor, 'Simulation in Health Care' - ronnie.glavin@gvic.scot.nhs.uk

Ronnie Glavin

Good virtual reality simulation news from members "down-under"

The Clinical Skills and Simulation Unit at Flinders University has had several publications on airway management skills generally and endotracheal intubation (ETI) in particular. In 2006, a research grant from the Australian Society of Anaesthetists helped the facility begin the migration from physical simulators to virtual reality in ETI. This is now set to gather pace with a \$195,000 grant just awarded to A/Prof Karen Reynolds, Prof Harry Owen and Mr Paul Williamson by the Australian Research Council (ARC) to develop 'ISim - a realistic intubation simulator using Virtual Reality technology'. The ARC recognized the project as an important contribution to increase patient safety in Australia (cf. www.arc.gov.au/funded_grants/selection_linkage_projects.htm)

The grant is a result of a Flinders University initiative that facilitated development of R&D clusters called Areas of Strategic Research Focus. One of these is Flinders Medical Devices and Technologies that helped bring Harry Owen (clinical medicine and health education) and Karen Reynolds (biomedical engineering teaching and research) from the University together with Paul Williams (systems engineering and business development) from Sydac and Medical Realities. Jo Close (jo.close@flinders.edu.au) can provide more information on any of this.

The last 12 months have been good for Prof Owen, a long time member of SESAM, he has received two university teaching awards, was a finalist in the Australian Awards for University Teaching and, best of all, the "Best Oral Presentation" prize at the Porto conference!

Harry Owen

New simulation centre in New Zealand

Auckland University's Advanced Clinical Skills Centre has just become the proud owner of a new METI simulator. The centre is now well equipped with a range of simulators and models, is well staffed and is now well placed to deliver training and undertake research for health professionals in this region. We are grateful for the assistance of Brian Robinson from the Wellington Simulation Centre, in helping us get up to speed with this, and look forward to fruitful collaboration. We will be running our first EMAC (Effective Management of Anaesthesia Crises) course in December 2006. This 2.5 day full-on course is no easy task to pull off well, so wish us luck. Key players in this centre are Professor Alan Merry, Associate Professor Jennifer Weller, and Dr Jane Torrie. Call in if you're passing by! Contact and more information Jennifer Weller j.weller@auckland.ac.nz

Jennifer Weller

Simulation "eastbound"

The Hungarian Institute for Basic and Continuing Education of Health Workers (www.eti.hu), located in Budapest organized a networking roundtable bringing together simulation enthusiasts from many countries: Italy, Slovenia, Rumania, Hungary, Austria, Scotland, Germany. The meeting took place Dec. 8.-9., 2006 in Budapest. The participants discussed possibilities for co-operations and common projects. A web-based platform was developed to facilitate the exchange of ideas and keeping in touch. Contact Zoltán Osztatni, the institute's international contact person for details (osztatni.zoltan@eti.hu)

Peter Dieckmann

Huge Simulation Meeting of the International Society for Simulation in Health Care - SSH

From January 14.-17., 2007 the 7th Annual International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare was held at the Disney's Contemporary Resort in Florida, USA. This year's meeting attracted about 1200 participants from all around the world. Two special tracks, one for simulation center operations and one for simulation in nursing complemented the very mixed programme, including key lectures, panels, 26 workshops, roundtables, 69 research posters, and 123 work-in-progress posters. The establishment of the new work-in-progress sessions was in large parts promoted by Marcus Rall emphasising the benefits of cross-relations between the societies. The idea is similar to the one in this newsletter: getting people to discuss ideas that are not yet ready or could need input from others. There is no peer-review for these abstracts. A very interesting platform for rapid communication and a success at the meeting. 37 Exhibitors were present at the meeting. Before the meeting a post graduate course was held explaining how to set up a simulation center. An interesting and also new concept were the affinity groups for differ-

ent special interest groups/professions (e.g. anaesthesiology, technicians, games, psychology and psychiatry, etc.). In these groups it was possible to meet in an informal round with other people interested in similar areas.

During the opening of the conference, SESAM president Willem van Meurs, introduced SESAM to the plenum and welcomed the participants also in the name of our society. Talking to people at the meeting, many expressed to follow the invitation he expressed to attend the upcoming annual SESAM meeting in Copenhagen. Potentially that might mean a lot of new participants. Many SESAM members contributed to the meeting and are part of the SSH – in the board and several committees.

As a personal summary, I think this meeting provides an excellent opportunity for presentations and networking. Whatever you do there, however, keep in mind to be prepared to work with large groups. We (Marcus Rall and me) held our workshop with almost three times as many participants (~150) as planned, which, by the way, was only possible by the help of others (again fellow SESAM members): Thanks to Doris Østergaard, Ronnie Glavin and Steve Howard.

Peter Dieckmann

Simulation Summit held on November 14, 2006

The March 2007 issue of the journal *Simulation in Healthcare* will carry a full report (and editorial) concerning a first-of-its-kind Simulation Summit convened by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) in November, 2006. This Summit had the goal of fostering dialogue among stakeholders interested in a robust future for simulation in healthcare. Fifty-five individuals participated, representing the leadership of 33 organizations including specialty societies, regulatory bodies, and industry.

SSH chose to hold the Summit both because of its mission to lead the facilitation of excellence in multi-disciplinary simulation-based healthcare education, practice, and research, and its vision to move simulation into the mainstream of healthcare. Participants at the Summit worked diligently and collaboratively. The group first defined “simulation” in its diverse forms, then reviewed the ways that it could be used to improve patient care. Through facilitated small group discussions, a consensus was reached on the key issues that must be addressed to advance the field.

This forum provided a starting point for increased collaboration and cooperation within the healthcare simulation community and with external stakeholders. The use of simulation has exploded recently, leaving many groups to work independently towards achieving what is essentially a common goal. Fostering both collaboration and healthy competition will provide efficient and effective means of achieving the success desired by all who share the goal of improved patient safety through diverse applications of simulation-based techniques. Future Summits will build on the items outlined in the report to incorporate new ideas and facilitate ongoing progress.

Elizabeth Sinz, MD, President, Society for Simulation in Healthcare (www.SSiH.org)

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The benefits of membership include a reduction off the registration fee of the annual meeting, a Newsletter, your email address on the SESAM mailing list, which provides weekly alerts of medical simulation publications, and the possibility to send discussion emails to this list. The annual fees for individuals are 50 EUR.

There is also the possibility to get the special SESAM membership for 130 EUR. This includes (1) the Regular individual membership in SESAM, (2) a Subscription to the Journal *Simulation in Healthcare* (SIH), and (3) the affiliated membership to the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) which gives the holder all the benefits from all programs, meeting discounts, listserver participation, member access to web materials, and any other privileges of regular SSH membership.

The corporate fee is 250 EUR.

More in general, being a member with SESAM you stay or become a member of a mature and very active society for simulation applied to medicine, your participation and membership fee will help build a European network in this field, you will stay current, and get ideas for great work projects, and potentially even employment opportunities!

Whoever wants to join SESAM should please contact the treasurer Dr. York Zausig (sesam@zari.de) and declare his or her wish to become a member. The treasurer will conduct this application to the president of SESAM. After approval of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will inform you of the acceptance quickly. The applicant pays his or her dues to the following bank account:

Pay 50 EUR (individual), 130 EUR (special) or 250 EUR (corporate) to the SESAM account via bank transfer.

ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

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BIC/SWIFT-Code:	DRES DE FF 669

Use the IBAN and BIC/SWIFT Code for all transfers from european and non-european countries. Insert in the "reason for payment" field your <full name and amount of transferred membership fee>.

After payment, the applicant is considered a full member for the calendar year and is allowed to vote actively or to be elected for office at the general assembly during the annual SESAM meeting.

For all questions on individual and special (SESAM and SSH) membership, please contact membership assistant Imke Schäfer (mksch01@heh.regionh.dk) at the Danish Institute of Medical Simulation. For corporate membership, and its advantages, please contact the treasurer directly (sesam@zari.de).

EDITORIAL INFORMATION

The Newsletter of the Society in Europe for Simulation Applied to Medicine (SESAM) is one of the means the society has to implement its mission and pursue its vision, see SESAM Newsletter, Fall 2003. It is a newsletter for the members, by the members. It also serves as a communication channel from the executive committee to the other members.

The individual newsletter authors (not SESAM or the Executive Committee) are responsible for the content they provided and which they signed by their name.

Again, this newsletter grew slowly. But we think it became more interesting during this process and has more "real" content than before. We will not get tired to ask you to send in news and short reports about your work in progress. We still have the intention to increase the frequency of the newsletter – but to do so, we need your input.

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