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Q&A with Incoming SSH President Bob Armstrong

Bob Armstrong, MS, will begin his term as SSH President immediately following the conclusion of IMSH 2020. He is the Executive Director of the Sentara Center for Simulation and Immersive Learning, where he leads a staff of 20 full-time and 130 part-time employees focused on providing standardized patient and simulator-based activities to Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) students, residents, and over 60 external clients. He is also the Program Director for the National Center for Collaboration in Medical Modeling and Simulation (NCCMMS). At NCCMMS, Bob is responsible for the daily operations of the Center, to include development of collaborative research partnerships as well as research projects and personnel management. He is also the Director of Corporate Relations for EVMS.

We explored some of what Armstrong would like to see inside and outside of SSH in the coming year.

**SSH:** What is your focus as President this coming year? Why?

**BA:** I love the chance to share about where I feel the Society should focus in 2020 and beyond, so thanks very much for the opportunity! I believe that 2020 is the year that we need to capitalize on our strong foundational services, capabilities, and principles by imagining where our Society can and should be 20 years from now. I want the Society to take an active role in the creation of the future within which you, our members, will operate. To do this, I intend to initiate three significant planning tasks in 2020:

**Vision:** As a Society, I believe we should have a collective vision for the future of healthcare simulation; unfortunately, we do not. I want to leverage the expertise resident in our Society members to generate requirements focused on our future needs. A requirement, conceptually, is something that governs what, how well, and under what conditions a product or tool will achieve a given purpose. Requirements define the functions, performance, and environment of a particular system. We need to do this so that researchers and developers can be more efficient and effective – and economical – as they work through the long, challenging process of creating products that we ultimately purchase.

**Growth:** The Society is large, and continues to grow, but we remain predominately focused on healthcare education and training – typically resident in education and training programs. I want to grow the membership of the Society to include not only more practicing healthcare providers, but also educational specialists and hardware/software developers and researchers – from our own and adjacent industries – who will be instrumental in the creation of new approaches, methodologies, and technologies coincident with our vision for the future.

**Collaboration:** I want us to determine how to best collaborate with healthcare stakeholders to create and influence standards of learning and care that involve models and simulations. Our interprofessional makeup will be leveraged to establish new and strengthen existing relationships with other organizations (e.g. INACSL, FACS, AHRQ, SESAM) in order to foster comprehensive community engagement and buy-in.

This year’s IMSH is a benchmark, as it is the 20th annual meeting. What does this sign of longevity signal to you about the event? About SSH? The industry? And, how would you like to see all three use this achievement as momentum moving forward?

Creating anything on the scale of SSH and IMSH – and having them last – is an amazing accomplishment. Our Executive Director, Jenn Manos, and the current staff deserve tremendous credit for keeping us organized and especially for pulling together the conference. Our members deserve even more credit for their contributions to this engaging, intelligent, and passionate community that is SSH. I love being a part of this community; truly I do. The industry as a whole appears healthy, as well. Simulation is everywhere – appreciated and accepted – and it seems that there is continued growth on the horizon.

The problem with success is that it is easy to become complacent without knowing you are complacent! I urge us, as a Society, to not become complacent and take our success for granted. The same goes for the industry as a whole. Success today does not guarantee success tomorrow. Our community needs to be thinking about ways to improve upon what we are doing and also about how to address future needs that we know are coming.

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The Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) has achieved a number of recent significant milestones surrounding its certification program.

"Accreditation is a review by an external body to verify the quality with which you develop and deliver your certifications," explained Andrew Spain, SSH Director of Certification. "And we have been working for years to become accredited. Every single step of the way we have tried to meet the quality of the processes outlined in the accreditation criteria so that we could apply for accreditation once we had the data, and achieve it. And NCCA has now recognized that what we have developed meets those quality standards. We were granted accreditation for five years, and, of course, we will keep that accreditation."

"Accreditation is a big deal for us because of the fact that we are still basically the only certification body for healthcare simulation in the world, but now we’re also accredited, so anyone who’s getting their certification can be assured that we are following all psychometric principles. We’re following appropriate processes. We have quality standards in place to make sure that these certifications are valid and reliable and match what is actually done in practice, and what they earned through the certification process has meaning."

The SSH Certification Council has also announced the addition of the Prometric testing network to the list of available testing centers around the world.

"The significance of adding the Prometric testing network is that we now have access to a much larger testing network around the world," offered Gerry Moses, Chair of the SSH Certification Council. "In fact, with the combination of the testing options we already had, plus the Prometric testing network, those who are taking our exams have access to pretty much the largest testing network in the world. That makes it more accessible, easier to get to a testing site, and achieve certification around the world.

"We are nowhere near the numbers that we’d want," he acknowledged. "We know that. But it continues to grow and expand and, again, increases accessibility. And that’s critically important."

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"This is a big step for us, because we are moving into a whole new arena," he said. "And part of that expansion is making the certifications more accessible around the world. We’re starting with Spanish to support our friends around the world who speak Spanish achieve the certification. After all, the certifications are not about whether you can speak English. They’re supposed to be about whether you can do healthcare simulation. So obviously, doing things where we have it in different languages removes that language barrier and helps those around the world also demonstrate their expertise in healthcare simulation as well. So it’s a big step for us."

He noted that future steps will explore further expansion into other languages “as time and volume permit.”

Another recent milestone was the December 2019 introduction of updated and expanded CHSE and CHSOS practice exams. The new practice exams feature the removal of older/out of date questions and overall expansion of the exam to 50 questions. All questions have annotations that can be reviewed on completion, and as always, the practice exam is on the same platform as the actual exam. The questions were written by the same individuals with the same process as the real exams.

"It’s all part of the process of helping people prepare for the exams and giving them more options to review and prepare for the test,” Moses said.

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She added that the target is for introduction of the CHSOS-A pilot certification in “the first half of 2020. But quality must come first over expediency; we will announce when the pilot is open.”
Schedule Highlights
MONDAY: JANUARY 20

Plenary Session and Keynote: The Lou C. Oberndorf Lecture on Innovation in Healthcare Simulation with Mick Ebeling – The Fallacy of "Impossible"
Exhibit Hall C – 8:30-9:45 am

IMSH EXPO
Exhibit Hall AB – 9:30 am-6:00 pm
Lunch – 11:30 am-1:30 pm; Reception – 4:00-6:00 pm

Couch Conversations
Various topics and locations (check SSH Events App) – 11:30-11:45 am and 2:30-2:45 pm

SimVentors Showcase Featured Presentations
Exhibit Hall AB – 12:15-1:15 pm

Certification Town Hall
Room 17AB – 12:15-1:15 pm

SSH Business Meeting
Room 6C – 4:45-5:45 pm (SSH members only)

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Record Breaking EXPO

The IMSH 2020 EXPO, largest in IMSH history with exhibitors from 31 countries and 34 states, as well as 22 first-time exhibitors, opened Sunday. The EXPO will also be open Monday and Tuesday.

IMSH 2020 extends a warm welcome to these first-time exhibitors:

- Biomed Simulation, Inc.
- UbiSim
- CATHI GmbH
- Laparo Sp. z o.o.
- e.s. future
- Innosonian America LLC
- Conquer Experience Inc
- MedicFX
- Charles River Analytics Inc.
- Veralta Group, LLC
- SIMCharacters
- PolyUnity Inc
- BioMojo LLC
- INVIDIA Medical
- SIM Medical B.V.
- eTrainetc, LLC
- Phokus Research Group
- ThinkMed Consulting
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- Clinical expo
- Epic Games
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ate devices that better the world by bringing accessibility for all. This unconventional approach brought to life several highly acclaimed initiatives.

The IMSH 2020 Planning Committee anticipates that this session will demonstrate how a “simple” idea can be applied and have an incredible impact on the lives of those we care for – our patients.

So, as you hear Mick’s message, keep in mind all that SSH, with your help, aims to accomplish as we each remain committed in our drives to a bright future for healthcare simulation, SSH, and its members.

Strong Finish to Start IMSH 2020

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News in Brief

Gordon Center Announces New Name; Harvey Simulator Turns 50!
The Gordon Center at the University of Miami is now The Michael S. Gordon Center for Simulation and Innovation in Medical Education (Booth 319).

According to Barry Issenberg, MD, the Center’s director, “Our name now recognizes and better reflects our purpose and passion for simulation-based healthcare education, advanced technology efficiency, and scalability for greater impact around the world.”

The facility is named in honor of founder Dr. Michael S. Gordon, renowned cardiologist and pioneer in the field of advanced medical education.

Among other features, the facility houses a comprehensive training bay equipped with an emergency rescue vehicle, a car for extrication of trauma victims, disaster response decontamination showers, and a mock emergency department, highlighting Gordon’s vision to create a place where innovation, simulation, and education come together, according to the Center.

The Center is also home to Harvey, the Cardiopulmonary Patient Simulator. At 50 years, Harvey is the longest-running computerized simulator in health professions education. The Next Generation Harvey boasts new features, including 20 additional customized patient scenarios with more complex heart and respiratory rates; 50 patient scenarios with more than 1,500 bedside findings; 10 comprehensive standardized patient cases; and access to ongoing webinars for faculty and technical support.

CAE Healthcare Academy Showcases Consulting Services
The CAE Healthcare Academy (Booth 302) offers IMSH 2020 attendees the opportunity to meet one-on-one with its clinical experts, highlighting its consulting services for healthcare education. The CAE Healthcare Academy Services division expanded this year to meet the growing demand for hospital-based staff education programs to help improve clinical competency and patient safety.

Led by Chief Learning Officer Amar Patel, the Academy is composed of clinicians and clinical educators who have in-depth practical experience in simulation-based education.

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Driven by the Future...Around the World

Reflective of the international growth of simulation technologies and their medical applications, SSH and their affiliate organizations are using IMSH 2020 to spotlight a broad spectrum of global simulation efforts and activities.

The Future of Simulation in Spain: A New Healthcare Education Standard

Since the beginning of the Spanish Society for Simulation in Healthcare and Patient Safety (SESSEP) ten years ago, the activities and quality of the events organized by the members is growing. The number of centers has increased and simulation is a new standard for training in health sciences programs and continual medical education (CME). Scientific societies are creating interest groups in simulation-based education (SBE) to explore the possibilities and potential of this methodology applied to the science of each discipline.

The result of this generalization of the programs is clear: simulation is a new standard in healthcare education. In this context, the opportunities of members to establish connections with other centers to explore new areas of application are helping new projects and innovative programs flourish.

Simulation is being applied in graduate education, residency programs, and CME to improve patient safety. Hospitals are adapting SBE to incorporate new procedures and to increase the quality of care by training intact teams and creating safe training spaces for clinicians so they can question and challenge the status quo of their own practice. Beyond the use of manikins, the educational methodology is being applied to clinical care by creating a culture of debriefing and feedback in the clinical context.

As a summary, SBE is expanding beyond simulation centers and is being applied in many innovative ways in the clinical context.

Promoting Simulation in Hong Kong

Healthcare simulation is blessed from the support of the professionals and colleges and is beginning to shape the future landscape of education, training, and examinations in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovative Learning Centre for Medicine (HKJC ILCM) at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) was established with a generous donation from the Hong Kong Jockey Club, and was formally opened in December 2013. The Centre promotes innovative learning strategies and platforms to enhance learning and education in medicine and other healthcare disciplines to achieve safe and quality patient care.

The HKJC ILCM is equipped with part-task trainers, skill training simulators, and high fidelity human patient simulators in a facility that may simulate different clinical settings including operating theatre, clinical wards, emergency room, intensive care unit, and obstetric labour room. There is also a virtual reality room that facilitates game-based training technology, and a 360-degree panoramic screen for disaster command and decision-making as well as clinical management training.

The HKJC ILCM strives to support the learning needs of HKAM Fellows and Members, and provides related educational resources to their parent colleges. The HKJC ILCM is proud of the flagship Comprehensive Simulation Educator Course, which sets the standards for healthcare simulation in the region. The HKJC ILCM is also an affiliate of the Center for Medical Simulation in Boston and collaborates extensively with other hospital-based simulation facilities in Hong Kong.
Singapore: Driven Together

Sengkang General Hospital (SKH, Singapore) has opened on 18 August 2018! Working toward full operation of the new hospital, we utilize simulation heavily in the areas of establishing new workflows and protocols, updating staff members’ skill sets in operating new medical equipment, and getting our staff adapted to the new working environment.

Here are some simulation-driven projects:

- Code blue drills to become familiar with new code blue response sequences, new defibrillator functions, a newly configured emergency trolley and drug kit, use of dedicated code blue elevators, and patient transfer routes to intensive care.
- Hospital emergency response team for community hospital clinical escalation calls – learning the shortest route to community hospital wards, clinical items required, and feasibility of transport.
- Emergency department personnel – working as a team to implement established decontamination protocols using the newly installed decontamination lanes and equipment.
- Children Hospital Emergency Transport Service response team activation for pediatric emergencies – use of unfamiliar pediatric equipment and protocols for stabilizing pediatric patients.
- Activation of mass transfusion protocol (MTP) cycles and sequence for transfusion of blood products and handling multiple cycles of MTP, with improvements made to use color codes to identify blood products belonging to a specific MTP cycle.

Projects are conducted through simulation in situ, complemented with post-simulation debriefing to identify practice gaps and latent threats. System-based improvements were made to tighten support services processes, such as central sterile supplies processes for instrument sets assembly, and more. Over time, new clinical problems are also identified, and with simulation testing and training, clinical processes will be refined until we find the best solutions for our local community.

Together, we were driven by the future of our work and the care our patients receive! And we did it through simulation!
Sunday’s Plenary Highlights
Two Decades of Growth

Sunday afternoon’s plenary featured an atmosphere in which IMSH 2020 attendees could bask in 20 years of history that has created today’s foundation for future growth.

The event opened with comments by the four members of the IMSH 2020 Planning Committee.

“This meeting is not only a celebration of where we’ve come over the past 20 years, but also to inspire our future and where we’re going in healthcare simulation,” offered Aaron Dix. "While our vision for the future continues to evolve, why we do what we do has not, and that reason is our patients. The patient has been and will continue to be the constant through our simulation journey, because that is why we got into healthcare and what ignites our passion for simulation.”

"Over the next four days we aim to inspire the next generation of simulation professionals,” echoed Kirsty Freeman. “We want to celebrate the accomplishments of those who’ve come before us. We also want you to be inspired to get what you can out of this conference. But remember as we progress, that the patients are always at the core of what we do.”

“Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) President KT Waxman followed the Planning Committee, reviewing her year as president and highlighting some of the accomplishments achieved throughout the Society during 2019.

“This year we accomplished many things,” she said. “We took the work that had been begun years before and we kept it moving, we started new initiatives, and we have been planning for the future.”

Sunday’s plenary put some human faces on the underlying theme of Society growth, with Waxman introducing a nearly full roster of past presidents. Welcoming each to the stage individually, she described how each individual’s priorities had helped to craft and mold the Society as it exists today.

After marking the “presidential photo opportunity,” Waxman highlighted another upcoming Society milestone: passing the presidential gavel on Wednesday evening to Bob Armstrong.

Armstrong himself took the stage to provide attendees with a personal introduction, outlining his background and his own growth in the field of computers and simulation. Acknowledging that his own background, which included attendance at the U.S. Naval Academy and 20 years of service as a Marine Corps officer, was not traditional for SSH Presidents, Armstrong offered, "I am 'an other.'” He quickly asserted that the ability for “an other” to serve as Society president was reflective of an underlying strength in the organization.

Armstrong went on to outline his priorities for 2020, featuring a strategic planning task based on vision, Society growth, and collaboration with both affiliates and organizations with similar interests.

Dr. Dan Raemer was then presented with the Society’s prestigious Pioneer in Simulation award. The 2020 recipient thanked his mentors, SSH leadership and staff, clinicians, and all in the audience, noting, “Education in healthcare is the engine that really makes healthcare progress. And the fact that you have dedicated your time and energy and interest to this endeavor really warms my heart because I care so passionately about it myself.”

The plenary concluded with a keynote address by Carey Lohrenz, the first female F-14 Tomcat Fighter Pilot in the U.S. Navy, who has flown missions worldwide as a combat-mission-ready United States Navy pilot.

Lohrenz provided the audience with parallels between her service experiences and the everyday experiences of audience members, citing similar extraordinary leadership challenges in areas like training young and frequently changing staff members.
Preconference and Immersive Courses Add Value to IMSH 2020

Along with an invigorating SimFit Run along San Diego’s beautiful harborside, Saturday’s schedule provided IMSH 2020 attendees with a range of unique learning opportunities in the form of both preconference and immersive courses.

A representative example of these opportunities was found at “Mass Casualty: A Fully Immersive, Large-scale Training Event,” designed for both educators and operations specialists and held at Strategic Operations, an area television and movie lot well known for its specialization in “hyper-realistic” medical training.

Saturday afternoon’s immersive course was designed to address the growing need for simulation teams to provide mass casualty simulation training in any environment and at multiple levels of care. As such, attendees participated in learning about setting up the event, facilitating, and debriefing in the studio’s fully immersive environment.

“The event has been broken into two different groups,” explained Kit Lavell, executive vice president of Strategic Operations, Inc. “Educators and operators / clinicians frequently have different perspectives on these sorts of events. Both groups are here to see a full mass casualty exercise, from the point of injury through emergency transportation; the introduction of law enforcement; a rescue task force; casualty transportation to the emergency department; and an operation in the operating room.”

He noted that the hyper-realistic trauma victim in the operating room is exhibiting a chest wound, spleen laceration requiring a splenectomy, and additional complications stemming from a bowel injury.

“IT’s a full trauma operation that is extremely realistic,” he said, “So it provides a chance for attendees to see the whole event, from point of injury all the way through to the operating room.”

Lavell noted that educators and operations specialists were receiving separate briefs that allowed each group to “get behind the scenes” and explore how this type of large-scale immersive hyper-realistic event is planned and conducted.

In terms of the briefings and debriefings, he highlighted how two surgeons are focusing on specific interests of each group in interactive simulations.

“From an educator’s point of view, the briefers are focusing on areas ranging from how these events are put together to how to provide realistic representations of likely injury patterns,” he said. “Conversely, from a clinician or operations specialist point of view, they are learning about things like how we come up with the makeup, how we apply the makeup, and how we do many of the special effects. So everyone is getting some ‘behind the scenes tour’ as the simulation is happening, followed by debriefs at the end of the event.”

Other immersive course options on Saturday ranged from “Make Faces: Life-casting & Moulage for Manikins and Standardized Patients” to “Escape Room: Scenarios Exploring Teamwork & Leadership Learning Goals,” while preconference options included topics like “Simulation Program Development and Sustainability: Plan for Success.”
Raemer Named as Sixth Recipient of SSH Pioneer in Simulation Award

SSH’s founding president receives the coveted award given to those who have had a significant and sustained impact on simulation.

The Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) announced Daniel Raemer, PhD, as the sixth recipient of the Pioneer in Simulation award.

The award recognizes individuals who have had a significant and sustained impact on simulation and its application to healthcare.

Raemer was selected as this year’s award recipient for his many innovations and accomplishments in advancing the field of simulation, and especially for his vision to start a professional simulation society, his efforts to bring it into existence, and his leadership as the founding President of SSH.

“What a thrill to be alive during the advent and growth of a new domain – simulation in healthcare,” Raemer said. “To have contributed to this new endeavor is simply an honor.”

In his distinguished career, Raemer developed a special expertise in teamwork and crisis management over 25 years at the Center for Medical Simulation in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He was particularly interested in the art of debriefing and is frequently called upon to facilitate multi-disciplinary teamwork sessions in a variety of specialty areas such as operating rooms, intensive care units, emergency departments, endoscopy, and labor and delivery suites.

Using simulation as a research tool to investigate healthcare workers’ behaviors and thought processes has been Raemer’s most enduring passion.

He has published work in these areas and has given numerous keynote addresses for specialty societies and other healthcare organizations on simulation as it blossomed since the early 2000s.

In September 2019, Raemer retired from the Center for Medical Simulation and the Massachusetts General Hospital in the Anesthesia, Critical Care, and Pain Management Departments while retaining the title of Honorary Anesthetist.

Recipients of the SSH Pioneer in Simulation Award:
2020 – Dr. Daniel Raemer
2019 – Dr. Ronald Harden
2017 – Dr. David Gaba
2016 – Lou Oberndorf, MBA
2015 – Dr. Michael Gordon
2014 – Dr. Stephen Abrahamson

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This perspective is echoed in my focus areas for 2020. I want us to keep improving and changing so that we are as valuable and relevant in the years ahead as we are in 2020.

You talked about your top priorities for the year. What else would you like to see the Board of Directors address or begin to address during your term?

I consider it an honor to be starting my fourth year on the Board. I appreciate the votes of confidence that put me on the Board and elected me President in 2020. I hope I can live up to your expectations; I certainly intend to try.

I am happy to say that the Board is a well-functioning entity that is appropriately focused on the higher-level “care and feeding” of the Society. My top priorities – all focused on establishing plans to achieve some longer-term, strategic direction – are not all we need to think about in 2020. Here are a few other things that the Board will engage.

The Board will start a strategic planning process in the summer. We last completed this process in 2015; you can see the current strategic plan at [https://www.ssih.org/About-SSH/Strategic-Plan](https://www.ssih.org/About-SSH/Strategic-Plan).

The Board will continue its effort to reexamine partnerships and collaborations to ensure that we are providing value to and receiving value from our various affiliations. I see this as a natural activity that should occur regularly.

I want the Board to examine ways to better serve our more experienced members. Over time, we all gain experience and knowledge that becomes more and more difficult to enhance. Where do the experts go to learn? I want the Board to weigh in on what we might do to help these important but somewhat underserved learners.

Lastly, I want the Board to look again at our international presence. As a former Marine, I am very aware of the challenges of managing an effort in a distant land. It is best done on-site and to a standard. Your Society cannot afford to maintain an international presence, but there are likely ways to partner and collaborate with other institutions and groups that allow us to share our knowledge in a more formal way – and in a way where the benefit of the relationship is shared equally.

What’s your goal/hope for attendees at this year’s IMSH?

Most importantly, I hope everyone stays safe and healthy. There is almost nothing worse than being sick on the road! Also, I hope that every attendee learns at least one new thing, meets someone they can learn from, meets someone they can share with, and has as much fun while doing these things as they can. I look forward to meeting many of you at the event!

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PRESIDENT’S DIAMOND BALL

Celebrating the Simulation Community in Style

The enthusiasm certainly wasn’t simulated at Saturday’s festive and formal President’s Diamond Ball, which capped a busy day of IMSH 2020 activities, ranging from the SimFit Run to several immersive and preconference courses.

The evening affair, held at the Marriott Marquis Grand Ballroom and open to attendees and guests, featured welcome remarks by SSH President KT Waxman, who hosted the event. Waxman highlighted the individuals newly inducted into the SSH Academy of Fellows as well as the simulation programs that achieved SSH accreditation in 2019. Waxman also congratulated all the individuals who achieved SSH certification through the CHSE, CHSE-A, and CHSOS programs. The evening continued with dinner, dancing, and celebration with colleagues in the simulation community.
AFFILIATIONS: Supporting A Global Simulation Partnership

One of the key contributors to the continuing success of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) is the SSH Affiliations program.

“Affiliates are organizations and professional societies who share SSH’s mission of advancing healthcare simulation around the world,” explained Jamie Robertson, PhD, Chair of the SSH Affiliations Subcommittee. “Many of these are simulation societies, but there are also professional groups for whom simulation is a core piece of the education, training, and mission of the organization. As of IMSH 2020, we have 31 affiliate organizations working in simulation across five continents and over 25 different countries.”

The connections we create across disciplines, professions, and the globe are critical to helping advance simulation.”
— Jamie Robertson, PhD

Expanding on the importance of affiliations to SSH and IMSH, she said, “The connections we create across disciplines, professions, and the globe are critical to helping advance simulation. As we continue to work to advocate for the use of simulation and expand the science of simulation, the relationships we create are essential to ensuring the success of our mission.”

As recent examples of this growing success, Robertson highlighted two new SSH affiliates, in France and India, who will be signing agreements at the International Reception and Affiliation signing on Tuesday evening.

“The Société Francophone de Simulation en Santé (SoFra-SimS), founded in 2014, has over 300 members,” she said. “Their mission is to advance simulation-based education in France and the French speaking world. In addition, the Society for Healthcare Simulations is a newly founded professional organization in India which aims to promote the use of simulation throughout India.”

In addition to these new affiliates, she pointed to the renewal of affiliation agreements with Association for Simulated Practice in Healthcare (ASPiH) and Asociación de Simuloeducadores de Puerto Rico (ASEPUR).

“We are thrilled to be continuing our relationships with these two organizations. ASPiH has been an affiliate since 2016 and ASEPUR has been an affiliate since 2018,” she said.

Looking toward the remainder of 2020, Robertson offered, “As we continue to work toward the SSH Strategic Priorities, we will be seeking connections with organizations that can help push the boundaries of simulation, including connections within the virtual reality and modeling community.”

On a personal note, she added, that, after two years serving as the Chair of the Affiliations Subcommittee, she will be stepping down after IMSH.

Jamie Pitt, BA, MMHPE, Assistant Director of Education for Standardized/Simulated Patients at the Center for Healthcare Improvement and Patient Simulation (CHIPS), University of Tennessee Health Science Center, will be taking over as Chair. Pitt has over ten years of experience in healthcare simulation and has served as the Vice Chair of the Affiliations Subcommittee this past year.

Learn more about SSH affiliation at a Couch Conversation session on Tuesday from 2:30-2:45 pm on Couch #3
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