IMSH 2017

IMSH 2017 attracted over 2,600 attendees from 51 countries and this year’s conference inaugurated the Academy of Fellows with 34 inductees, Judith Riess reports.

IMSH 2017 was held at the Hyatt Regency on International Drive in Orlando, Florida, January 8-February 1, 2017. The International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) is the world’s largest conference dedicated to healthcare simulation learning, research and scholarship, consisting of 300 sessions in various formats, from large plenary sessions to small, interactive immersive courses. Considered the educational and networking event for the simulation world, attendees feel one of the strongest draws for the conference is the ability to network with peers from around the world and share ideas and successes.

This year’s Plenary sessions featured “Stories from the Heart” a series of speakers sharing life events that either happened to them, their families or in their practice or hospital. These stories related how simulation saved a person’s life, impacted the way a professional viewed his/her career and just restored one’s faith.

Speakers included: Mary Holtschneider, RN-BC, BSN, MEd, MPA, NREMT-P, CEP, Chan Park, MD, FAAA, US Department of Veterans Affairs, Durham VA Medical Center, Elizabeth Hughes, MD, Scott OWenks, MD, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville; Emily Males, MD, FACC, CHSE, Neil Patel, BA, Helen Stack, DNP, RN-BC, NRETA-BCH, CHSE, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Virgina, Stuart Berstch, University of Cincinnati, CINTAR; Nancy Dixon, Michael Chastaham, Orlando, Florida; Mary Mancini, RN, PhD, NC-BC, FAHA, ANEF, PAAN, The University of Texas at Arlington.

Lou Oberndorf lecture on Innovation in Healthcare Simulation.

Above 117 exhibitions demonstrated their latest technologies and training tools. Image credit: Society for Simulation in Healthcare.

The 3rd Annual Spectrum of Ideas unveiled the latest ideas, inventions, and brainstorming sessions in healthcare simulation. The Spectrum of Ideas showcased innovations in the following key areas:

• Low Cost Ideas
• Ideas for Low Resource Environments
• Cutting Edge High Tech Ideas
• Technical Modifications

There were 117 exhibitions from companies to universities to medical schools to organizations, to media companies, all providing the latest technologies and educational and training tools.

“Government, Row is an area of the exhibit hall that presents a look at research projects that are funded by the federal government,” said Dayna E. Downing, chair of the government Relations Committee. “They are basically mature prototypes that are in the research and development phase.” Downing said IMSH 2017 featured approximately one dozen of these projects, and that the purpose of having them at the conference “is for those projects to be able to get feedback from our membership, so they can basically see what needs to be tweaked for them to be able to get it to market as a viable project for the civilian community.”

Academy Members (Fellows)

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The vision of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare Academy (SSHA) is to assemble a community of recognized experts and thought leaders (Fellows) who will lead in the advancement and transformation of simulation in healthcare globally.

Next year’s conference will be held in Los Angeles, January 13-17, 2018.