



## May 2013

The ASSH Executive have worked with Simulation Australia to create a new format for our newsletter. Rather than offering timed newsletters, this format enables us to bring news to you as it happens. However, we will need your support in providing stories. We welcome your contributions which can be sent to Chloe Wagemaker on [chloe@simulationaustralia.org.au](mailto:chloe@simulationaustralia.org.au) - and these will also be published on the Simulation Australia website under news items.

We will shortly be sending a survey to members so please look out for this. The goal is to better understand your expectations of your membership.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Debra Nestel**

Chair, ASSH, Health Division of Simulation Australia

### SimNET

Simulation resources for the education and training of health professionals are available at SimNET, a website funded by Health Workforce Australia (HWA) and developed and overseen by ASSH. The website was officially unveiled at the SimHealth conference in Sydney in September 2012 by Ben Wallace, HWA's Executive Director of the Clinical Training Reform work group.

Visit <http://www.simulationaustralia.org.au/newsarticle/simnet>

### Simulation Educator/Technician Training

The NHET-Sim Program is an exciting initiative for healthcare simulation educators and technicians. NHET-Sim consists of e-learning and workshop activities across diverse simulation practices. The Program is open to individuals from all healthcare professional disciplines, and workshops are scheduled in metropolitan and rural locations around Australia until June 2013. NHET-Sim is now in its seventh month and a total of 2,340 simulation educators have registered for the Program.

Visit <http://www.simulationaustralia.org.au/newsarticle/simulation-educator-technician-training>

### Simulation Australia Accreditation and Certification Project

Health Workforce Australia (HWA) is undertaking the 'Certification of Simulation Educators and Accreditation of Simulation Programs' project (the Project) to develop and implement accreditation processes for Australian simulation programs in the healthcare sector, and a certification process for simulation educators working in the healthcare sector. The development of a set of models for both accreditation and certification will contribute to improving patient safety and outcomes through assessment, research, advocacy and education, while using simulation technologies and methodologies.

Visit <http://www.simulationaustralia.org.au/newsarticle/accreditation-and-certification-project>

### The Victorian Simulated Patient Network (VSPN)

The Victorian Simulated Patient Network (VSPN) is an online network for people interested in simulated patient (SP) methodology. Funded by Health Workforce Australia through the Department of Health, the VSPN website is also a repository of resources accessible to simulation educators, clinicians, program administrators and SPs. Development of the VSPN has been led by Monash University and aims to develop a sustainable statewide network for faculty in SP methodology and provide high quality resources in SP methodology. Launched in December 2012, the VSPN currently has over 200 members.

Visit <http://www.simulationaustralia.org.au/newsarticle/the-victorian-simulated-patient-network--vspn->

### Faculty Development Symposium

In January 2013, the Society for Simulation in Healthcare held their annual conference in Orlando. A two-day symposium on faculty development preceded the main conference of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare – Generation Simulation: Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders. The goal of the symposium was to provide professional development opportunities in topics central to healthcare simulation.

Visit <http://www.simulationaustralia.org.au/newsarticle/faculty-development-symposium>

### IMSH 2013 Report

In January this year I was fortunate to attend the International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare in Orlando Florida. The conference was attended by over 3000 people from 52 countries. The first thing that impressed me was the completely paperless system. There was an App that I downloaded to my iPad that enabled me to select and keep track of the session that I wanted to attend. One of the sponsors had an internet cafe' where delegates mingled, checking out their various sessions.

*Report from Kirsty Freeman, Manager ECU Health Simulation Centre, Edith Cowan University*

Visit <http://www.simulationaustralia.org.au/newsarticle/imsh-2013-report>