The International Pediatric Simulation Society (IPSS) is expecting record numbers of attendees at The 5th International Simulation Symposia and Workshops (IPSSW) in New York City, NY USA, April 23-25 2013. Conference activities will be held at the Historic New York Academy of Medicine, a 1926 Landmark building on the edge of New York’s Central Park on the Upper East Side with festivities at the famous Loeb Boat House in Central Park.

Keynote and invited speakers were carefully chosen to provide perspectives on innovative topics in simulation from experts from within and outside of our field. Topics include human-robot interactions, error, disruption, stress, skills training, curriculum development, center development and distributing simulation to the masses.

Cynthia Breazeal PhD is the Founder and Director of the Personal Robotics Group at MIT. She creates robots with social intelligence that communicate with humans. Her highly expressive humanoid robots demonstrate the amazing potential for the future of high-fidelity simulators. An international “TED Talk” Speaker, Breazeal considers robots as a social technology and poses the question to imagine if our simulators could interact with our learners using nonverbal cues, body language. Dr.
Breazeal’s highly successful lab has been likened to Willy Wonka’s Chocolate Factory or Disneyland given its amazing technology that sits at the crossroads of robotics, computer science, human emotion and behavioral psychology. Her recent work uses virtual worlds together with robots for immersive experiences of creativity/learning/innovation.

Referred to as an international “wrongologist”, Kathryn Schulz, in her highly acclaimed book “Being Wrong: Adventures in the Margin of Error”, makes the case that we need to not just admit our errors but embrace them and learn from them. “That we are at our best when we are wrong”. And in this way, her writings have tremendous relevance to what we all do on a day to day basis via simulation and debriefing -- bringing participants to the brink of wrong, identifying mistakes and leveraging them to important moments in professional development. “Being Wrong” has become required-reading for anyone working in healthcare and simulation. Being praised by industry and political leaders including Bill Clinton. Kathryn’s writings on associated topics such as “Regret” have appeared in the New York Times, Rolling Stone, Slate, Freakonomics and Time. Kathryn is a fantastic and highly sought after TED Speaker and we are delighted to have her on board for IPSSW2013.

Helen Marriage is cofounder of Artichoke, London and producer of urban spectacle, celebration and “disruption”. Her extraordinary work injects unorthodox behavior into entire cities to cause people to reflect on their day to day lives, the places where they live, their work and play-- with the goal stimulating new ideas for progress and improvement. In 2006, Artichoke brought The Sultan’s Elephant to London and captivated a million residents for four days. Currently holding a prestigious Loeb Fellowship at Harvard University School of Design, Helen teaches and studies the intersection of design, public art and urban infrastructure. Her background and experience lends a wild, unpredictable and “spot on” perspective on pediatric simulation at level of teamwork, psychological safety, and reflective practice.

Joining our keynotes, plenary speakers from 5 continents represent international leaders among key topics in the field:

- Mark Adler (USA), The Iterative Development and Evaluation of a Simulation-based Pediatrics Curriculum for Emergency Medicine Providers: A Post-Mortem
- Choon Bong (Singapore), The impact of stress on performance and learning in pediatric simulation
- Adam Dubrowski (CAN), Using progressive simulation to maximize pediatric technical skills training
- Normal Lufesi (Malawi), Pediatric Health Care Education in Malawi: Successes and Challenges
- Debra Nestel (AUS), Faculty development in simulation-based education: Lessons learned from AusSETT - a national program to develop simulation educators and technicians
- Stephanie Sudikoff (USA), Developing a high quality and sustainable large scale hospital system simulation program

The IPSS Research Committee under the direction of Drs. Adam DuBrowski and Betsy Hunt seek to learn about current research being conducted by IPSS members and IPSSW attendees. Additionally, the committee hopes to gain insight into future research capacity building and member interest in mentorship activities.

Please take a few minutes to complete an IPSS membership survey.
International Pediatric Simulation Webinar Series Launches

Under the guidance of Co-Directors, Marc Auerbach and Taylor Sawyer, the IPSS Webinar Series launched to a great start this year offering unique opportunities for IPSS Members to catch the latest information and state-of-the-art of Pediatric Simulation from the comfort of their own computer. For our first set of speakers, IPSS teamed up with the INSPIRE Network and hosted an amazing set of quality speakers from across the globe, covering a wide range of topics (scripted debriefing, training children as patient actors, psychometrics, PALS on demand, simulation modalities).

Using cutting edge Adobe Connect technology IPSS is growing these live, interactive experiences in both size and scope. Webinars are recorded and available at www.ipedsim.org for members to view ‘off-line’ at their convenience.

The Series is looking for speakers and suggestions so please volunteer, or let us know who we should recruiting as speakers by emailing info@ipedsim.org. Pediatric simulation as a field growing at a rapid rate and the IPSS Webinar Series will be there to bring down the walls between institutions promoting the IPSS Mission of developing community of teaching and learning around global Pediatric Simulation.

IPSS webinars have targeted experienced sim practitioners to date. We will plan selected upcoming sessions to target trainees and “new” simulation practitioners.

Please send your ideas for topics or speakers you would like to hear about to info@ipedsim.com.

Election for IPSS Executive Committee and Board of Directors

IPSS members are requested to cast their vote in the on-line election occurring from 25 February 2013 through 9 March 2013 for IPSS Executive Committee and Board of Directors positions.

Nominations for IPSS President, Vice President, Secretary and 6 Board of Director positions were submitted in December 2012 and a final ballot was presented by the Nominations Committee to the current Board of Directors for ratification in January 2013. Vision and experience statements of each candidate are included on the election site.

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Elected positions will transition during IPSSW 2013 in NYC when we will thank the founding board members who laid the foundation for our international society and welcome the incoming EC/BOD to continue the work of building a community dedicated to education and research to improve pediatric healthcare world-wide.

All full IPSS members are invited to take part in this election. Please review the candidate summaries prior to voting for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors candidates.
IPSS Welcomes Its First Affiliates WFPICCS and INSPIRE

Under the leadership of IPSS Affiliations Committee Co-Chairs Kim Stone and Rino Festa, IPSS continues to identify key networks, societies and organizations with which to form strong affiliations.

As our first partners, the IPSS is extremely proud to welcome both the International Network for Simulation-based Pediatric Innovation, Research and Education (INSPIRE) and the World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS) -- two organizations who share IPSS’ deep commitment to improve child health through collaborative research and education.

INSPIRE (www.inspiresim.com) -- formed out of the union of the successful EXPRESS and POISE networks -- carries the mission to “improve the delivery of medical care to acutely ill children by answering important research questions pertaining to pediatric resuscitation, technical skills, behavioural skills, and simulation-based education”

INSPIRE has shared many longtime ties with IPSS including founding IPSS Board and Committee Chair Positions as well as multiple contributions to past IPSSWs. This has lead to a natural affiliation with a wonderful “running start” and a great future!

Get involved with INSPIRE by attending there IPSSW meeting on Day 2 as well as there post-congress meeting April 26 at NYSIM.

WFPICCS (www.wfpiccs.org) currently has over 40 national, international and regional member societies representing over 10,000 pediatric and neonatal critical care physicians, nurses and allied health care workers. WFPICCS organizes, supports, and sponsors many global congresses, workshops, training courses, and regional educational meetings on pediatric critical care as well as hosts its journal Pediatric Critical Care Medicine, available to pediatric and neonatal intensive and critical care practitioners worldwide.

Under the leadership of IPSS Research Co-Chair Adam Dubrowski and WFPICCS President Niranjan “Tex” Kissoon, IPSS and WFPICCS are currently exploring opportunities for a possible pediatric simulation joint project in Malawi, Africa.

Get involved by attending Dr. Norman Lufesi’s plenary lecture and the IPSS Malawi Project Meeting at IPSSW on Day 2. Also email info@ipedsim.org for more info.

Have a simulation group that you think IPSS should affiliate with? Know of an upcoming simulation meeting? Contact info@ipedsim.org and let us know!

Join IPSS and join a rapidly growing World-wide Pediatric Simulation Community. Since its inception, IPSS has demonstrated consistent and steady growth-- with members being added each day-- now representing 5 continents and 18 countries. Join your colleagues at IPSS and get involved! www.ipedsim.org