The Global Pediatric Simulation Community convenes in Toulouse, France for IPSSW2011

By Ella Scott

The International Pediatric Simulation Society (IPSS) held its 4th International Pediatric Simulation Symposium and Workshops (IPSSW 2011) October 26-27, 2011 in Toulouse France. Despite the challenging global economic climate, over 250 interdisciplinary participants representing 26 countries from around the world attended to learn from and with each other and to advance the field of pediatric simulation.

Collectively, participants presented 47 abstracts, conducted 10 workshops, and facilitated 10 roundtable discussions.

There was something for everyone—from beginner to advanced. Pediatric Simulation topics included:
- Simulation Center Development
- Local and Global Outreach
- Curriculum Development
- Clinical Skills Assessment
- Communication Training
- Debriefing Techniques
- Patient Safety
- In-Situ Simulation
- Patient Outcomes Research
- Team Training
- Technology and Innovation

The lineup of speakers was impressive and their presentations provocative—“they made us laugh, they made us cry, but most importantly, they made us think”. Many thanks to our esteemed list of speakers:

- Timothy Draycott (UK)
- Matthias Maeder (FR)
- Liz Berg (USA)
- Niranjan Kissoon (Can)
- Roger Kneebone (UK)
- Marc Auerbach (USA)
- Marino Festa (AUS)
- Hege Langli Ersdal (Norway)

Participants commented again on the intimacy of the meeting - in terms of size and ability to connect on a personal level.
**IPSSW 2011**  
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In this Digital Age, with the ability to connect remotely with the click of a button, the meeting provided a unique forum for individuals to share ideas and lessons learned, form connections for collaborations and build relationships, all within a beautiful setting.

There was much excitement and “buzz” around the announcement of IPSSW2013 to be held in the amazing **City of New York** in April 2013.

There will again be limited registration for this special event, so please keep a look out for opportunities for early sign up that will be made available in the coming months.

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**IPSS Seeking Committee Co-Chairs**

By David Grant

Inaugural breakfast committee meetings were held at IPSSW2011 Toulouse with a wonderful turnout. Committees formed and underwent a structured process including brainstorming of key questions, and outlined key aims for six out of nine IPSS committees. Minutes of each meeting will be posted at [www.ipedsim.com](http://www.ipedsim.com).

The IPSS Board of Directors is seeking those interested in taking leadership positions as IPSS Committee Co-Chairs.

Positions are currently opened for all 9 IPSS Committees:

- Website, Communication and Marketing
- Education
- Research
- Advocacy, Public Affairs & International Relations
- Affiliations
- Technology and Standards
- Membership
- Articles and Bylaws
- Nominating

Member as well as self nominations are welcome. The Board of Directors will appoint two Co –Chairs for each committee. Applications can be downloaded at [www.ipedsim.com](http://www.ipedsim.com) and sent to info@ipedsim.com. The deadline for nominations is December 15, 2011.

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**IPSS currently serves a growing community of >140 members representing 5 continents, and 18 countries.**

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Four Board Members Elected
By Peter Weinstock

IPSS members elected four experts in simulation to the Board of Directors in October.

Dr. Marc Auerbach is a pediatric Emergency Medicine physician and Associate Director of Pediatric Simulation at Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital. He has served as Co-Director for the past three years of the POISE Network which facilitates collaborative education research.

Dr. Margarita Burmester is a Consultant Paediatric Intensivist and is the Co-Founder and joint Director of SPRinT (Simulated Paediatric Resuscitation Team Training), a high-fidelity simulation team training programme based in Royal Brompton Hospital, London, UK.

Dr. Michael Shepherd is the Clinical Director of New Zealand’s only dedicated Paediatric Emergency Department. He is leading the development of the Simulation program at Starship Children’s Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand.

Dr. Stephanie Sudikoff is a Paediatric Intensivist and full-time Director of Simulation for Yale-New Haven Health System which includes 3 hospitals and all disciplines, affording her a more global perspective on simulation and further appreciation for the unique quality of pediatric simulation.

The Board Members will begin work with Committee Chairs in January 2012.

The IPSS Mission
“To promote and support multi-disciplinary simulation-based education, training and research among all subspecialties focused on the unique nature and needs of caring for the pediatric and perinatal patient and family”

IPSSW 2013 NYC!
- Begin thinking about ideas to share with colleagues through abstracts, roundtables, and workshops.
- Join with your colleagues from around the world in the spectacular City of New York.
- Space will be limited: Keep an eye out for early registrations (Early announcements for IPSS Members)!