



SimNet

REGIONAL SIMULATION AND HUMAN FACTORS PROJECT

NEWSLETTER

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CONFERENCE 2024 – SIMULATION 4 SAFETY

We are very proud to announce that the SimNet conference 2024 will be hosted at the fantastic Southampton Solent University on the 22nd and 23rd May 2024.

Tickets are available here at an early bird rate until 31st December 2023.

Masterclass, dinner and Conference [Tickets](#)
Conference Only [Tickets](#)

Early bird discount will be applied at checkout.

Abstract information

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10QC9x6aZON870Bk-TCzDsdylkD0YH1N7n-o0Tlal44g/edit?usp=sharing>

This can be provided hard copy.

The Abstract Submission Form

<https://forms.gle/YE4fwMLwSQHhsig48>



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If you are interested in being on the conference committee, please email Sarah at ksssim@canterbury.ac.uk

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

SIMNET MEETING

The next SimNet meeting is scheduled for 2pm on 18th October.

The agenda is attached to the email.

SIMULATED PATIENTS

We are holding a Simulated Patient Training Day on the 31st October! 10-4pm Canterbury Campus

What is a simulated patient? A simulated patient is trained to take on the characteristics of a real patient so that students can learn in a simulated environment. This is a rewarding and varied role offered on an adhoc first come first served basis. Anyone who is willing to immerse themselves into a role for a few hours would be suitable, you need not be a trained actor, just a can do attitude. If you are interested, please [click here](#) to register and book your place. We will be paying for your time to train on the 31st October and hope that you will sign up to be one of our regulars SP's! Don't miss this engaging event!



Advanced Procedural Skills Update

We are delighted to announce the arrival of the portable cousins of the Symbionix Mentor Suite.

The stationary LAP Mentor; ANGIO Mentor and ENDO Mentor Suites are now supplemented by the LAP Express, ANGIO Flex & GI Express simulators. All 6 machines are managed on the MentorLearn Cloud.

This enables Course Directors to establish and manage training and trainee portfolios from any wifi location.

Trainees can record their development and download their portfolio.

We believe we are leading for the UK in providing this level of integrated Learning Management System.

The portable kit can be used off grid should there be connectivity issues in your preferred location.

We are eager to explore with Course Directors the opportunities this provision provides for Low Dose High Frequency Training

In which an establishing masterclass delivered at the APSC is followed by repeated daily tasks on the (more) portable model in situ.

(See e.g. [Dr Pasquale Berlingieri's work](#) at the Royal free Hospital, London.)

This development has been a slow train coming, and we are eager to support uptake.

We are delighted that Dr Matt Cowan PhD FRCP is leading an Introduction to Endoscopy Day hosted by the APSC in September.



Dates for The Diary

1st November: Abstracts for SimNet Conference 2024 to close

6-8th November : ASPIH Conference <https://aspihconference.co.uk/>

31st December: Early bird tickets for SimNet Conference 2024 to close



MEET THE TEAM

We would like to introduce you to our excellent team!



Dr Sue Plummer is Director for the Institute of Medical Sciences and is the Campus Director for the Medway campus.



Andy Buttery is the Regional Simulation and Human Factors Project Lead, working to build a collaborative community of practice with specific objectives in Simulation for Mental Health (S4MH), Faculty Development in Simulation and Human Factors, and Simulated Patients/People (SNIPS).



Sarah Keeling-Smith started at the university as a Senior PA to the Pro Vice Chancellor in 2010 and then became a Project Administrator in 2013 for various EU Interreg Projects such as CASCADE and DWELL. She began working on the Regional Simulation and Human Factors Project in May 2021 and became Project Manager in January 2023.



Isobel Clarke joined Canterbury Christ Church University in April 2021 as Clinical Fellow in Simulation for Mental Health responsible for design, delivery, and evaluation of the Sim4MentalHealth programme.



James Barber is a CCCU graduate and has returned as our Senior Specialist Simulation Technician after 5 years as a Paramedic with the South East Coast Ambulance Service.

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