

ASPiH Conference 2023 - Sustainable Simulation

Conference Report

Prepared by Executive Business Support

6th – 8th November 2023



Conference overview

The 14th Annual ASPIH Conference took place at the Double Tree by Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel between the 6th and 8th November 2023.



The programme consisted of

- Three keynote speakers:

Prof. Connie Wiskin - Sustainability and evolution of human simulation in healthcare education

Prof. Paul Bowie - Human Factors Insights for Simulation Education in Health and Care: Optimising Performance and Wellbeing

Dr Patricia Livingston - A journey to sustainable global simulation

- One round-table plenary discussion
- Four Pre-conference workshops:

Tackling the most common challenges for technicians

Advancing Debriefing: Building Sustainable skills

From Sim Hero to Net Zero – Sustainable Simulation

Human Factors is not Non-Technical Skills: using simulation to understand and improve everyday work

- Twenty-six abstract workshops

BEST WORKSHOP - Sustainable and accessible clinical skills training: using long-lasting, self-repairing and recyclable homemade vascular access phantoms in small group teaching

James Chu and Colleagues

- Six sponsored workshops
- Ten oral presentation sessions

BEST ORAL PRESENTATION - MAGIC - The Management of Acute Emergencies in GP Surgeries using In-situ Simulation and Checklists, Project Final Phase: Completed Quick Reference Handbook and Plans for Sustainability

Anne Maloney and Colleagues

- Twelve eposter presentation sessions

BEST POSTER PRESENTATION - The role of simulation in internal paediatric transfers strategized for a PAU/ED co-location

Jayne Thompson and Colleagues

Key numbers

Registered delegates	544
Total attendees	767
Abstracts submitted	295
Companies supporting	44
Exhibitor attendees	142



Exhibitors

Scotia UK plc t/a smots™
Gaumard Scientific
MediScientific
Qualsafe
Limbs and Things
Laerdal
CAE Healthcare
MSE Medical
Lifecast Body Simulation / MDT
Cameron Communications
Adam, Rouilly
HEE
Oxford Medical Simulation
Immersive interactive Ltd
Sim & Skills Ltd
EMD Services Ltd
Simulation Man

Health Education and Improvement Wales
NHS Education for Scotland
Ballatermedical
Bookr by Allstar Solutions
Echo Healthcare
Inovus Medical
Intelligent Ultrasound
Iris Health Solutions
MDT Global Solutions
Simcomm Academy
SimConverse
Simulaids Ltd.
University of Dundee
Virta Med
Wolters Kluwer



Delegate Feedback

247 delegates completed the survey

Summary of the ASPIH 2023 comments

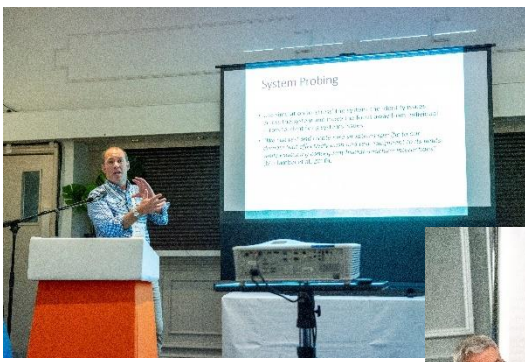
- Positive feedback on the conference as a great networking opportunity.
- Attendees felt energized and motivated to implement changes in their institutions.
- The conference provided valuable learning experiences and ideas to enhance simulation for students and staff.
- Appreciation for the excellent workshops and networking opportunities, with excitement for the next conference in Edinburgh.
- Recognition of the conference as an amazing resource for simulation technicians and educators.
- The three-day event was both enjoyable and valuable.
- Overall excellence of the conference noted, though some disappointment expressed about not being able to attend both days.
- Suggestion for fewer conference streams to increase audience size, as some sessions had limited attendance.
- Effective communication regarding oral presentations was appreciated.
- Enthusiasm for future conferences, with a suggestion for lobbying for technician sponsorship.
- Positive remarks on the conference organization and the usefulness of the conference app.
- Compliments on the conference location and specific praise for the lunch, especially the jerk chicken.
- The mix of attendees and their experiences was well-received, with hopes for future attendance.
- Attendees were impressed with the range of simulation technology and exhibitors.
- Requests for more hands-on activities, despite enjoying the conference and catering.



- The conference was described as amazing, inclusive, and high-energy, with a particular focus on the inclusiveness and representation of technicians.
- Technical community members felt particularly included and represented.
- Suggestions for improvements in some areas, with compliments on the well-run workshops.
- The conference environment was seen as collaborative and interactive, fostering professional connections and inspiring new ideas.
- Gratitude expressed to the organizing team for reviving the conference's energy and quality compared to previous experiences.
- Technicians appreciated their inclusion and are hopeful for future participation.
- First-time attendees highlighted the unique, friendly atmosphere and inspiring content.
- The conference was seen as valuable for exchanging knowledge and ideas in situational practice.
- Praise for useful talks and good speakers.
- The conference venue was admired for its quality and organization.
- Organizers were commended for successfully managing a large event.
- First-time attendees at the Brighton conference expressed hope for attending future events.

Highlights from the participants in the Masterclasses - Monday 6th November

- Positive feedback on the enjoyable process of meeting, greeting, exchanging ideas, and developing new networking connections nationwide.
- Appreciation for the opportunity provided to simulation technicians to come together and celebrate.
- Positive response to the moulage session, with a suggestion for more sessions of varying difficulty levels (novice to intermediate) to cater to different skill sets and enhance learning.



Summary of the participants feedback about Day 1 – Tuesday 7th November

- Overall positive experience with high appreciation for the conference day.
- Networking and meeting new people was a highlight, along with supporting colleagues' presentations and exploring exhibitions.
- Suggestions for improvement include providing chairs for eating lunch and more convenient lunch options that don't require a knife and fork.
- The conference app was praised for being useful and easy to navigate.
- The ASPIH team received compliments for their organization, kindness, and helpfulness, especially in resolving technical issues with a poster presentation.
- High energy and enthusiasm in the supplier area, with attendees feeling inspired by the opportunities presented.
- Positive feedback on the dinner, with a humorous note about the generous amount of wine.
- General appreciation for the warm welcome, effective networking opportunities, and the quality of the exhibition and forum.



Summary of the participants feedback about Day 2 – Wednesday 8th November

- Overall positive impression of the day.
- Enjoyable experience in the escape room activity with colleagues.
- Emphasis on the conference providing great learning opportunities.
- Specific praise for the VR workshop, highlighting its effectiveness as a forum for idea sharing and departmental improvement through VR.
- The event was considered fantastic and inspirational, leading the team to generate many exciting ideas, with gratitude expressed to the organizers.

The main room and plenary sessions at the 2023 conference were recorded. These will be available to view in our ASPIH Members Resource Library via the members only area.

Any 2023 conference presentations presented in other breakout rooms can be included in the ASPIH Members Resource Library. Authors/presenters interested in doing this - please get in touch if you'd like to record your session for the library via

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