



SSH SP SIG Reception at ASPE in Tampa!

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Due to great crossover between ASPE membership and that of the SP SIG of ASPE's affiliate association, the Society of Simulation in Healthcare, there were plenty of familiar, friendly faces present at the SIG reception at the ASPE conference in Tampa recently.

Because SIG chair **Jennie Struijk** was unable to attend the conference this year due to work, it was up to me to convene the reception, welcome guests, and make announcements. The first announcement was a call to service for SIG members interested in the chair and vice chair positions of the SIG, because, after four years, Jennie and I feel we must step down, although we expect to mentor and assist the new recruits. We will hold elections for nominees in the fall, so stay tuned to SIG announcement emails to learn more, or contact us ASAP to throw your hat in the ring!

It was a pleasure to introduce distinguished surprise guests **Chad Epps**, current SSH President, and President-Elect **Christine Park**. June is a busy travel month for SSH leadership due to its many other affiliate relationships, particularly AIMEE, SEESAM, and INACSL, with their competing events, as well as the SSH Board meeting, so we were delighted and flattered at their presence.

The highlight of the reception, though, was to honor two of our most illustrious educators with awards for outstanding work and leadership representing the SP educational methodology as SSH members. The first went to **Rachel Yudkowsky**, for her high profile position as Associate Editor of the Journal of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. The second award went to **Joe Lopreito** who, as Chair of the Terminology & Concepts Working Group, shepherded the Healthcare Simulation Dictionary into being and is now its Editor. Please browse the Dictionary on SSH's home page.

Many thanks to SSH leadership, for sponsoring the reception—and attending!

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Thanks to **Andrew Spain**, SSH's Director of Accreditation and Certification, who brought the award plaques to the conference for the reception. And thanks to everyone who attended and helped us celebrate our honorees Rachel and Joe, as well as our valuable memberships in both associations. And, finally, let me say that many regrets were expressed at Jennie Struijk's absence: you were thoroughly missed!

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