

Grants and Research Committee Report

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The G&R committee has spent January reviewing abstract submissions for the upcoming conference with 2 of its members, Tonya Thompson and Karen Szauter in charge of organizing the research reviews for the conference planning committee.

Rachel Yudkowsky has accepted an Associate Editor position on the Editorial board of the journal Society for Simulation in Healthcare to commence in March of 2015. When asked about her thoughts regarding this position, Rachel replied, " I'm very honored to have been invited to serve as an Associate Editor for SSH's official Journal, *Simulation in Healthcare*. As one of ten AE's my duties will include inviting reviewers for my assigned manuscripts, summarizing the reviews, and making a recommendation to the editor-in-chief David Gaba, who makes the final accept/reject decision. *Simulation in Healthcare* is the premier indexed journal focusing on simulation in health professions education, and features articles about all types of simulations, from SPs to VR (virtual reality). Do consider publishing your works of scholarship in SiH, especially articles describing innovative applications of SPs and articles exploring best practices in SP work, such as methods for training SPs or assessing SP performance. Feel free to email me if you're not sure if SiH is the appropriate venue for your paper."

As a result of Rachel's promotion we have a need for an ASPE representative on the editorial board to be filled according to experience with research and reviewing in the field of simulation and SP based education. This increases our ASPE representation with the SSH journal. A name is to be put forward shortly for approval by ASPE president and David Gaba, the Editor in Chief of SSH. Part of ASPE's agreement with SSH is to publish several research abstracts from the annual conference in the June issue of SSH.

The G&R are preparing for the annual conference in Denver in which it plays a large role. Two pre conference immersion workshops for the Saturday June 13th have been invited once again. *The basics of scholarship: Turn your everyday work into research and have fun doing it*, and *"Getting accepted from idea to completion: how to get your work accepted for publication or conference presentation."* These form two of the six compulsory courses for the ASPE Scholar's certificate. Also back by popular demand is the Standard Setting ½ day workshop on Sunday, also part of the scholars series.

The Grants and Research annual research award has been approved for the 2016 fiscal year. Members will receive a request for proposals at the beginning of August 2015.