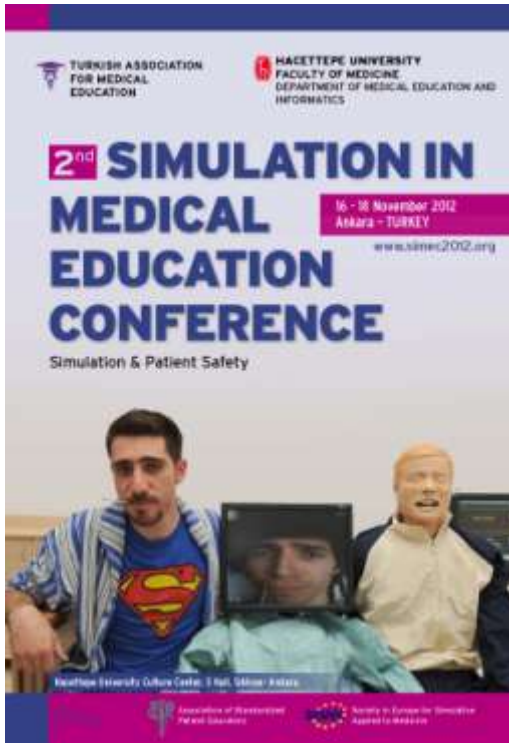


SIMEC2012

SIMULATION IN MEDICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

16-18 November 2012, Ankara – TURKEY



Turkish Association for Medical Education (TAME) held the second regional conference on simulation, with the theme, “Simulation and Patient Safety”. The target region for this conference was mainly Eastern Europe and Middle East. Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine was the hosting institution. The conference was endorsed by Society in Europe for Simulation Applied to Medicine (SESAM) and Association of Standardized Patient Educators (ASPE), and supported by Istanbul Health Directorate Medical Simulation Center (SIMMERK).

The program addressed patient safety, simulated/standardized patients, high fidelity simulators and especially the hybrid simulation.

Seventy participants from 10 different countries presented 2 keynote presentations, 7 workshops, 12 oral presentations and 28 posters. There were oral and poster presentations from Romania, Russian Federation, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Pakistan. Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry and Midwifery were the disciplines represented in the conference.

This conference offered participants the opportunity to meet professionals from neighbor countries, share their experiences, and begin to collaborate.

Melih Elcin, president of TAME and Prof. Nermin Yamalik from Hacettepe University welcomed the participants in their opening speeches (Fig 1). The first keynote presentation titled, “The Humans in Simulation: Embedding Standardized Patients into Education” was delivered by Mary Cantrell from University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, USA (Fig 2).



In the afternoon of the first day, there were three ‘how-to’ workshops:

- **Debriefing Simulation and Other Practical Learning Experiences** (by Mary Cantrell from University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, USA) (Fig 3)
- **Quality Assurance of Standardized Patient Case Portrayal and Checklist Completion** (by Mandana Shirazi & Laila Sedighpoor from Tehran University, Iran; and Yesim Yigiter Senol from Akdeniz University, Turkey)
- **Using High Fidelity Simulation for Patient Safety** (by Fusun Terzioglu, Leyla Ozdemir, Sergul Duygulu, Handan Boztepe, and Zahide Tuna from Hacettepe University Faculty of Nursing, Turkey) (Fig 4)



In the morning of second day, the keynote presentation titled, “Medical Simulation: From Aviation to Medicine and Beyond” was delivered by M. Emin Aksoy from SIMMERK, Istanbul Health Directorate, Turkey. (Fig 5)



Four ‘how-to’ workshops were held in the afternoon:

- **High Fidelity Simulation Case: Drowning** (by Dilek Kitapcioglu, Gülay Eren, Ulufer Sivrikaya, Emel Kocergur, Yesim Abut from SIMMERK, Istanbul Health Directorate, Turkey) (Fig 6)
- **Hybrid Simulation: Integrated Cases for Patient Safety** (by Orhan Odabasi, Ece Abay from Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine, Turkey)
- **High Fidelity Simulation Case: Cardiac Arrest** (by Dilek Kitapcioglu, Gülay Eren, Inci Paksoy, Kerem Erkalp, Sezen Avtan from SIMMERK, Istanbul Health Directorate, Turkey)
- **Assessment in Simulation Based Education** (by Melih Elcin from Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine, Turkey; and Abdulaziz M.A. Boker from King Abdulaziz University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)



The participants' feedback on the conference were as follows:

- *'Schedule was very well organized, workshops were very interesting and extremely useful, and presentations were excellent'*
- *'It provided an opportunity to gain an understanding about using simulation in healthcare education among healthcare educators and professionals.'*
- *'With warm atmosphere of the university, we had chance to communicate with other participants effectively, and had the chance to make collaborations for further researches.'*



Organizing Committee



International medical students took part in the organization.