

Message from the Editors-in-Chief

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“39 representatives of 13 organization met at the Colonial House in Oxnard Friday Evening, 7 November 1952, to discuss the formation of an association for simulation.

After Dinner in the Saratoga room, John McLeod of NAMTC led a discussion covering the purpose of the meeting, the objective of the proposed association, and ways in which the objective might be accomplished. The official objective of the organization, as determined by the group after some discussion will be to increase the effectiveness and broaden the application of simulation.

A five point proposal, which had been distributed for criticism, was then considered. [...]. Point three, which suggested that the unclassified proceedings of this group be published in the form of Newsletter. [...] John McLeod [...] stated that he would pay the postage and other expenses necessary to produce and distribute the first three issues of the Newsletter to see if this method of disseminating simulation information has sufficient merit to warrant its continuation”.

From the first issue of the Simulation Council Newsletter, November 1952
(available on line at <http://www.scs.org/history/SimCouncilNewsletters/Default.htm>)

Dear Simulationists,

Exactly 57 years later (November 2009) the first issue of the new SCS M&S Newsletter is again on publication schedule. After 57 years we still believe in the words stated by John McLeod. Therefore on behalf of the newly born *Editorial Board* we are glad to welcome you to the new *SCS M&S Newsletter*. With this issue (Issue 1, November 2009), after many years, the Newsletter is again one of the most important publications of the Society for Modeling & Simulation International (SCS).

Nowadays SCS is a truly international society that involves members from academia and industry in a number of different areas. Among others, the core activities and competences of SCS include international conferences organization, publications, networking to foster research, education and knowledge dissemination in Modeling & Simulation (both the McLeod Institute if Simulation Science, MISS and the McLeod Modeling & Simulation Network are initiative of SCS), distinguished lectureship program and students chapters.

As clearly pointed out by John McLeod, the potentialities of the *Society*, in its continuing mission to advance the use of Modeling & Simulation, to seek out for new activities as well as to improve actual services, mainly rely on its capability to disseminate information among its

members. Disseminating simulation information is the key point to foster international cooperation. The vision of the SCS M&S Newsletter is to be a continuous and valued resource for simulationists.

The new SCS M&S Newsletter will be monthly available on the SCS website at www.scs.org/pubs/newsletter. The new SCS M&S Newsletter will provide the reader with something more than a single-page newsletter: different categories of entries are organized in a easy-to-navigate “*This issue*” menu. Additional information including the *Newsletter Editorial Board*, the *Newsletter Archive*, the *Newsletter Forum* (that will be available from the second issue, December 2009) and the *Contact us* section.

The SCS M&S Newsletter will collect contributions from Editors-in-Chief as well as from Editors of the Newsletter, Members of the Board of Directors of SCS, Directors of the member organizations of M&SNet, Directors of the MISS Centers, Advisors and/or Presidents of Student Chapters of SCS.

In each issue the SCS M&S Newsletter will provide the readers with news and information organized in seven different sections forming the “*This issue*” menu.

1) Welcome Section

Messages and news from:

- the President, Senior President of SCS
- the Editors-in-Chief of the Newsletter
- the VPs (Conferences, Education, Membership, Publication)
- the Directors at Large

2) Letters to the Editors

By using the form provided in the Newsletter, readers are kindly invited to send letters, questions, opinions, complaints, etc. The letters will be carefully considered and eventually included in the next issues of the Newsletter.

3) News and Development in M&S

News about SCS and SCS activities:

- SCS news (including awards, elections)
- Student Chapters
- Distinguished Lectureship Program

M&S Profession:

- Recognition of the importance of M&S
- Body of Knowledge of M&S
- M&S Dictionary
- Ethics and Code of Professional Ethics for Simulationists
- Workforce
- Economics
- History

M&S and Education:

- M&S education (including graduate programs)
- M&S in education

M&S Employment Opportunities:

- Positions available (industry, government, academic – including post-doc positions)

4) Upcoming Conferences and Events

SCS Conferences and event and related publications:

- List of Conferences and Events
- Call for papers and participation
- Table of Contents of Conference Proceedings
- Titles of best articles from the conferences
- List of exhibitors at SCS conferences

5) Publications

SCS publications

- News about SCS publications (including achieved publications)
- Table of contents of recent and forthcoming SCS publications (Transactions, JDMS, Magazine)
- Announcement of the Special Issues of SCS publications (Transactions, JDMS)
- Books, Journals, Periodicals, Articles (including topical bibliographies)

6) News from SCS Networks

News from McLeod Institute of Simulation Sciences and McLeod Modeling and Simulation Networks:

- Member organizations of M&SNet
- MISS Centers
- Joint activities of member organizations of M&SNet and MISS Centers

7) Modeling & Simulation Resources

M&S Associations, Groups, Centers:

- Topical and Regional Lists
- News of their activities

We hope that the readers will enjoy the content of the SCS M&S Newsletter and we thank the Editorial Board as well as all contributors for their continuous effort in supporting the creation and the publication of the Newsletter.