Dear friends of NASCE,

I would like to thank everyone for their valuable support to the Network of Accredited Clinical Skills Centres (NASCE).

Since its foundation in September 2014, the following centers have been accredited by NASCE in Europe:

1. Practicum – Lund, Sweden
2. RCSI – Dublin, Ireland
3. CASE – Istanbul, Turkey
4. CAMST – Stockholm, Sweden
5. ITCIT – Ghent, Belgium
6. ORSI – Melle, Belgium
7. CAMES-RH – Copenhagen, Denmark
8. Center of Medical Expertise - Jyvaskyla, Finland
9. Norwegian National Advisory Unit on Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery – Trondheim, Norway
10. Hopital Virtuel de Lorraine – Nancy, France
11. ELPEN – Athens, Greece
12. MidtSim – Aarhus, Denmark

We are expecting two more centers to join NASCE Network in 2020.

**NASCE Meetings and Courses in 2019**

NASCE has organized the Business Meeting at Domus Medica Europaea on 22nd February 2019.
This year’s NASCE Scientific Meeting has been organized in Stockholm between 26th and 27th September 2019. We would like to thank to Prof. Li Felländer-Tsai and the staff of CAMST (The Center for Advanced Medical Simulation and Training) for this wonderful organization.

“NASCE Train the Trainer” Course was organized as a preconference course in CAMST(The Center for Advanced Medical Simulation and Training) before the Scientific Meeting. We would like to thank to the Educator Team of this course, Dilek Kitapcioglu (Course Coordinator), Dara O’Keeffe, Erhan Sayali and Cecilia Escher, for their efforts and contribution to this course.
What is new in 2020?

The NASCE Annual Business Meeting will have a new format this year. The presentations including the annual activities of each accredited center will have to be filled and sent to Fanny Clément, the Administrative assistant of NASCE. (email: secretariat@uems.eu). These data will then be collected each year from the accredited centers and archived. The new format of presentations of each center will have to include the following topics during NASCE Business Meetings:

- New training modalities or approaches performed in the accredited center
- Research & Development activities of each center

Presenting these topics during NASCE Business Meetings will also enable NASCE accredited centers to perform multi-centric studies.

Another new activity of NASCE will be the “NASCE Train the Simulation Technician Course”, which will be held on the 2nd and 3rd April 2020 at CASE in Istanbul.
This course will have two certification levels and will cover following topics:

**Certification Type A (2nd April 2020)**

- Designing the learning environment for medical simulation according to the needs of educators.
- Designing the center according physical and infrastructural requirements.
- Infrastructural requirements of medical equipment and simulators.
- Infrastructural requirements of AV solutions and data network.
- Basic information of sensor technologies used in medical simulation.
- Other components used in medical simulators.
- Storage conditions of simulation systems.
- Preventive maintenance.
- Various operating systems embedded in simulation systems.
- Topology of LMS systems integrated with AV solutions.
- Serious gaming modules used with tablet PC, VR and AR based platforms.
- Hands-on workshop with sensor technologies used in simulators.

**Certification Type B (3rd April 2020)**

- Swine Anatomy
- Animal Care in wet lab conditions
- Designing the wet lab according physical, infrastructural and animal welfare requirements
- Animal preparation & operation process
- Sterilization and disinfection procedures
• Types of cadavers used for medical trainings
• Cadaver storage techniques

Course participants can either choose to apply for both certifications or for one of these certifications and attend the course only for one of the certifications.

You can find the detailed information of this course on our webpage.

**NASCE Scientific Meeting 2020**

The NASCE Scientific Meeting will be organized in Athens by ELPEN Center on 22nd and 23rd October. The abstract submission deadlines will be announced in March 2020.

**Website**

The website, www.nascenet.org, is managed by the NASCE webmaster Dr. Erhan Sayali (erhan.sayali@acibadem.edu.tr). On the website, you will find background information about NASCE, documents relating to accreditation criteria and application forms for simulation centers that wish to apply for NASCE accreditation. The information about past and upcoming NASCE activities is regularly announced on our webpage. You can also follow the activities of NASCE by clicking the NASCE Linkedin page: http://linkedin.com/company/network-of-accredited-skills-centres-in-europe

Using this opportunity, I would like to wish you a happy new year

Best wishes,

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Chairman of NASCE