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Dear Sir/Madame,

**Re Vacancy of Secretary in the Executive Committee**

I am writing in regard to the secretary vacancy on the executive committee, which I am applying for, as I believe that I have the skills, abilities, and experience to undertake this role. I am passionate about simulation-based education (SBE) and I have over sixteen years experience in this field, working in both the clinical and higher education setting. The latter has been at an undergraduate and postgraduate level, including the delivery and development of uni-professional and multi-professional SBE. I am confident that I could make a meaningful and valuable contribution to SESAM's mission of encouraging and supporting the use of SBE in healthcare for the purpose of training and research.

I am an Associate Professor of SBE and completed my Professional Doctorate (Education) on the use of SBE in healthcare education in 2019. I have published and presented widely on the subject at a national and international level. I also offer a wealth of experience in SBE leadership. Presently, I am a member of the UK's National Simulation Reference Group that is currently developing the national SBE Strategy. In addition, I have served on the executive committee of the Association for Simulated Practice in Healthcare (ASPiH) and as the vice president (Ad-interim) of the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning – Chapter Europe (INACSL – Chapter Europe). The skills, knowledge and expertise that I developed within these roles, including the networks I have established, would be invaluable in the secretary role. These would enable me to support the continued growth of SESAM across Europe but also the globe. Whilst my collaborative approach would ensure that, this growth was inclusive and multi-professional in nature.

I am also passionate about patient safety and the use of SBE to enable healthcare practitioners to deliver safe, high quality, evidence based care. I such I advocate that the latter should focus on the higher levels of evidence and the impact of SBE on patient outcomes. However, to achieve

this, I wholeheartedly believe that the SBE community should also focus on the development of SBE as a learning and teaching methodology, and through high quality pedagogical research identify the most effective instructional designs that optimise participant learning. This drive would be able to support SESAM in the development of high quality SBE education and research.

This letter has outlined my achievements to date and how I can support SESAM in the future as one of the leading Societies in the SBE field who are at the forefront of innovative SBE practice. I am keen to face the challenges that this role will bring and I consider that I have the fundamental capabilities to be very effective in the role of secretary and, I believe, that this is the right time in my SBE career to take on these responsibilities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Platt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Alan Platt