



# Newsletter

July 2015

## Announcements

### **We are officially our own nonprofit organization!**

The official home of ELSO has moved from the University of Michigan into a freestanding, nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation. Being a separate entity from the U of M offers a number of advantages, including the ability to:

- manage ELSO finances more directly, efficiently and nimbly
- independently approach development opportunities and collaborate with other entities
- emphasize the diverse national and global relationships of ELSO outside of U of M
- still maintain a relationship with the University via a contract for infrastructure management of the Registry, ELSO office space and ELSO staff.

The incorporation (by State of Michigan law) requires a board of directors and corporate bylaws, which led to some revisions in the ELSO bylaws and slight revision of the steering committee structure. The Board of Directors (and current members) are made up of:

Chair of the ELSO Steering Committee (Dr. Jim Fortenberry)

Immediate Past Chair (Dr. Bill Lynch)

Chair-elect (Dr. Mike McMullan)

Representative of a global ELSO chapter (Dr. Roberto Lorusso, current chair of EuroELSO)

Treasurer (Dr. Mike McMullan)

Executive director (Peter Rycus)-ex officio nonvoting

UM Liaison (Dr. Bob Bartlett)-ex officio nonvoting

The Board now also serves as the Executive Committee of the ELSO Steering Committee, to allow for more efficient decision making and program development throughout the year.

We are excited about this next chapter of the ELSO story!

## **ELSO 2015 Conference UPDATE**

Only a few months until ELSO 2015 in Atlanta (September 17-20th). Join us as we discuss how to improve your program with quality performance techniques and tips in the preconference sessions.

Our main conference will have multiple breakout sessions to allow attendees to focus on areas where their interest is highest. Our Keynotes will feature Rich Brill MD (Nationwide CMO) in the preconference discussing his views on Quality and Professor Vic Strecher in the Main Conference talking about how having a purpose makes a difference. Come and hear about how sedation impacts ECMO patients and data from the RESTORE trial from Martha Curley, what's new in ED resuscitation from Dave Gaieski, what's going on around the world with ECMO, new data on outcomes research and plans for the future, cannulation strategies, an update on research in cardiac performance, pulsatile flow pros and cons, results from research grant recipients and families of ECMO patients. We will also hold an ELSO business meeting for all ELSO members Saturday morning the 19th. Our Award of Excellence celebration will be Saturday late afternoon/evening. See the full schedule at the CVENT conference site (access via ELSO website under ECMO meetings).

**Abstract deadline has been extended to July 22nd!! Get yours in, awards for best abstracts.**

**We will also host our first Cannulation Cup so get your teams ready and registered!!**



Join us for education and entertainment at the ELSO Conference in Atlanta as we launch the "Cannulation Cup!" Cheer on your friends and colleagues as they participate in this lively and festive competition based on the successful roots of the "Sputum Bowl" pioneered by the American Association of Respiratory Care. We need YOU to enter and participate -- either by bringing a team or volunteering to participate on a team! We have an esteemed panel of "wise men" including Dr. Bob Bartlett to judge the event. Send in your favorite ECMO questions to be used for the competition. The winning team will have registration for 4 waived for ELSO 2016! ENTRANTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 1ST! Please contact Donna Taylor at [Donna.Taylor@childrens.com](mailto:Donna.Taylor@childrens.com) or Raymond Nkwantabisa at [Raymond.Nkwantabisa@UTSWestern.edu](mailto:Raymond.Nkwantabisa@UTSWestern.edu) for questions.

## **EMAIL BLAST**

Recently you may have received an e-mail from Castle Air regarding the upcoming AP ELSO conference. This was not an approved or sanctioned collaboration with ELSO or AP ELSO. ELSO did not share its e-mail list. Please find attached an apology from Castle Air. We will also be working to clarify the protection for member e-mail addresses.

Jim Fortenberry, MD  
ELSO Steering Committee Chairman

## **ELSO Family/Patient ECMO Education: Volunteers and Examples Needed!**

A group of ELSO members has started developing educational material for patients and families. Initial goal will be to have a family/patient education page on the ELSO website. However, we hope this is just the beginning! Examples of family/patient specific ECMO education from individual centers are also needed. If you are interested in participating or willing to share educational material please contact Curt Froehlich at [Froehlich@UTHSCSA.edu](mailto:Froehlich@UTHSCSA.edu). Any additional questions let us know. Thanks for supporting ELSO.

# Discussion Board Open for Business!

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Attention ELSO Members,

With the migration of the ELSO website to the new platform and integration with the ELSO Registry, you may have noticed that your old accounts no longer work. This has caused a ripple effect into our Discussion Board activity and we need your help to get the word out and get back online! We have 15 forums with over 100 threads and over 200 posts...but we can do better!

Here's how you can get involved:

1. Log into the ELSO website and update your account name to reflect your name and e-mail address. Be sure to set your "display name" as your name as you want to see it appear on the site.
2. Upload a profile photo (professional head-shot or equivalent please!) so that everyone knows who they're talking to and allow us to recognize friendly faces at conferences.
3. Visit the discussion board and look at the current posts. Subscribe to your favorite threads so that you get updates.
4. Start replying to people's questions and become an active member of our board.

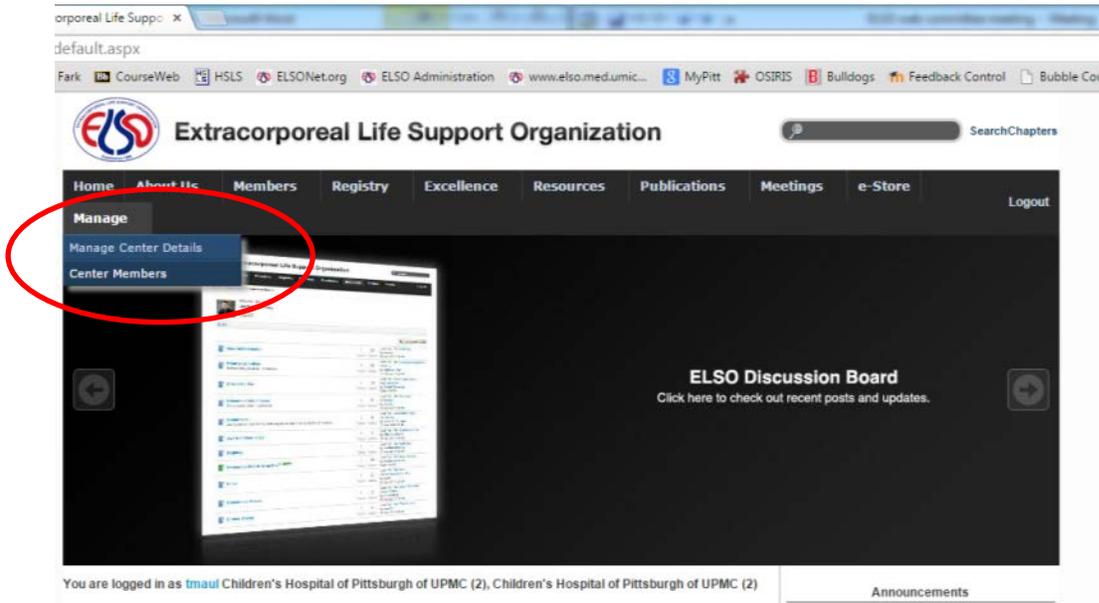
New features to the Discussion Board are in the works so stay tuned for important changes! If there's something that you want the Discussion Board to do that it doesn't currently do, please tell us!

If you don't have your log-in, please contact your hospital staff member who puts your ELSO data into the Registry to have a new account created for you. The instructions are found in the next page.

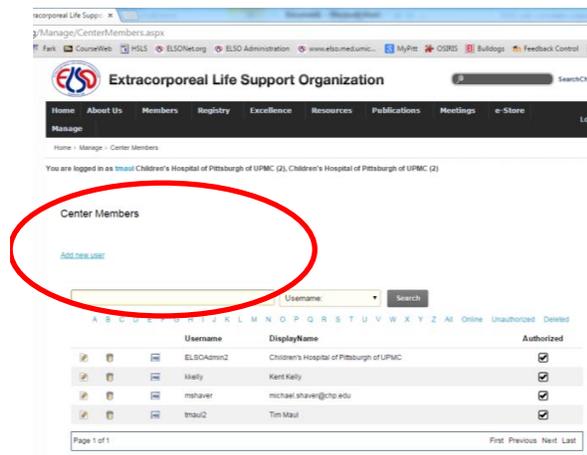
# Adding users to your center

Navigate to the ELSOnet.org home page and log-in as yourself using your ELSO registry credentials

Go to Manage->Center Members (see image below)



From this screen, you can edit and delete existing users by checking the box next to the name and selecting the appropriate icon. The password icon (third from the left) allows you to reset a user's password to a random password or one you specify. The user will be notified of the change.



You can de-authorize a user without deleting their account information by unchecking the box at the far right.

Click on the "Add New User" Link



## **ELSO Steering Committee Opening**

Due to Tom Preston's transition out of his coordinator role to a new position with Innovative ECMO Concepts, we are seeking candidates to fill the position of Coordinator Representative on the Steering Committee.

We are accepting nominations for the coordinator representative. This would be a three year term and would begin September 2015 and finish September 2018.

Please email Peter Rycus ([prycus@elso.org](mailto:prycus@elso.org)) with your nominations. You may nominate another person or self-nominate. Please include a short one paragraph bio on the nominee. In the bio please focus on the nominee's relationship with ECMO, and previous participation and service with ELSO (service or research). Do not submit a CV. If you are nominating someone besides yourself be sure that person is aware and wishes to be considered prior to submitting. To be eligible for this position on the Steering Committee, a person must be in an active Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) leadership role, a coordinator in an active ELSO center and providing clinical care.

The steering committee will then review the nominations and create a final ballot that will be voted on by our member centers. All nominations must be received by August 1st 2015 in order to be considered.



# MEETINGS

## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual ELSO Conference

[www.elseo.org](http://www.elseo.org)

September 17-20, 2015

Atlanta GA USA



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Asia-Pacific ELSO Meeting

[www.apelso2015.com](http://www.apelso2015.com)

July 17-19, 2015

Kyoto, Japan



## 5<sup>th</sup> Euro-ELSO Meeting

June 1-4, 2016

Glasgow, UK



## SCCM/ELSO ECMO Management Course Aug 28/29th 2015

Join us for a co-sponsored management course at the University of Arizona Phoenix Simulation Center Aug 28th and 29th. Designed for pediatric and adult learners, course will consist of didactic and simulation sessions. Simulations will focus on management of acute problems of an ongoing case. Ultrasound evaluation of cannulation using the Syndaver© will also be provided. For details visit the SCCM (Society of Critical Care Medicine) website and click education center, look for ECMO management.



# TRAININGS

## Extracorporeal Life Support in Adult Critical Care An ELSO Course

This intense four day course is designed for physicians and specialists caring for adult patients with severe acute respiratory and cardiac failure who may be candidates for Extracorporeal Respiratory Support. Common diagnoses considered for adult ECLS support include: H1N1, other viral or bacterial pneumonias, burn and inhalation injury, traumatic lung injury, pulmonary contusion, pulmonary embolism, post-shock or sepsis associated ARDS, or other forms of reversible acute lung injury or illness.

Course content includes indications and contraindications, cannulation techniques, initiation of support, patient and circuit physiology of ECMO, programmatic design and management, and all aspects of patient management and decision making for patients on ECMO. Complementing the twelve hour didactic course is an eighteen hour high fidelity simulation lab with an ECMO circuit utilizing centrifugal pump technology. All learners will participate in a four hour “ECMO Essentials 101” simulation workshop before the didactic sessions to review the fundamentals of bedside ECMO, such as, a circuit check, equipment components, alarms, pressure monitoring, stopcocks and pigtails, drawing samples from the circuit, de-airing the circuit, and hand cranking the pump. The goal is to immerse the learner in ECMO terminology and concepts before the didactic course to enhance the learning process. In the conference simulation workshop, small groups will participate in scenarios reviewing emergency procedures and highlighting adult ECMO physiology with a learner to instructor ratio of 2:1. Simulation education will allow participants to develop skills in common bedside procedures and to learn key assessments for decision making by “hands on” experience. The course is appropriate for centers setting up new programs, or for existing centers expanding into adult services.

Registration per person is \$3,000 and includes the ECMO Specialist Training Manual and the Red Book.

Space limited to 48 registrants!

Information will soon be available on our website with details about upcoming dates and locations.



## **Facebook**

If you use Facebook please visit our sites and “like” us! We intend to use Facebook as a way to present information to not only ELSO members but to anyone who is interested in our organization.

[www.facebook.com/ELSO.org](http://www.facebook.com/ELSO.org)

Euro-ELSO Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/EuroELSO](http://www.facebook.com/EuroELSO)



## **Twitter**

Follow us on twitter! [www.twitter.com/ELSOOrg](http://www.twitter.com/ELSOOrg)



To Whom It May Concern:

Castle International Critical Care Air Ambulance is a company that was founded by veterans of the U.S. military and established to provide patients with compassionate care and do so with uncompromising integrity. Our men and women at Castle consider our integrity to be one of our greatest strengths.

Recently my marketing team at Castle created and delivered an email message to the members and associates of ELSO using the email addresses available for view on the ELSO website. (<https://www.else.org/Home.aspx>) Many of the members of ELSO were concerned that our email insinuated a formal partnership between ELSO and Castle. Our intention was to let the members of ELSO know that we were excited and honored to be participating in the upcoming APELSO 2015 event in Kyoto. The email was intended to be our invitation to those attending APELSO 2015 to stop by our display and meet with us to discuss our ECMO transport capabilities.

We apologize for any confusion we may have caused in our overzealous efforts to share our story with all of you. Moving forward we look to become a valued member of the ECMO community and develop long lasting relationships with everyone involved with ELSO and this special community of health care providers. Thank you for your time. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

-Respectfully,

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