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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

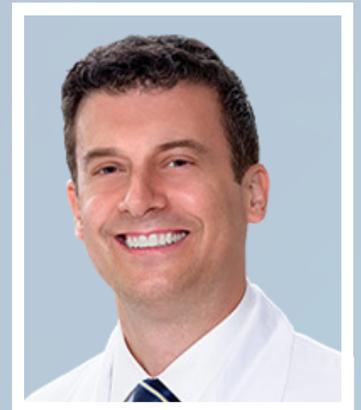
This year is already off to a strong and inspiring start for the ELSO community. We began the year by honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Robert H. Bartlett, whose impact continues to guide everything we do as an organization.

Next month, we look forward to continuing that celebration through the virtual **Bartlett Legacy 24-Hour Summit** on March 16th and 17th. This global event will highlight the latest advancements in ECMO research and innovation and serve as a fitting tribute to the ingenuity and relentless curiosity that defined Dr. Bartlett's career. We hope you will join us for this meaningful program.

Finally, we hope you will join us in celebrating all those individuals and specialists who make up our ECMO teams throughout the world on May 8th, now officially named **ECMO Team Day** to take place every year on Dr. B's birthday. Please celebrate along with us and send us stories, pictures or videos of how your team celebrates on that day.

We appreciate your continued engagement and support, and we're excited for everything this year holds for our global ECMO community.

Dan Brodie, President, ELSO



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ECMO TEAM DAY

Mark your calendars – ECMO Team Day is May 8th!

From the bedside care team, to engineers and device developers, to researchers, innovators, and beyond, we want to celebrate *everyone* who makes ECMO happen.

ECMO is truly a team effort, and this day recognizes the incredibly diverse community that makes this lifesaving work possible. This date was chosen in honor of Dr. Bartlett's birthday, May 8th, 1939. His pioneering vision and dedication laid the foundation for the ECMO programs and innovations that continue to change lives around the world.

We're grateful for every member of the ECMO team – those delivering direct patient care, those advancing and maintaining the technology, and those driving research, education, and innovation. We also recognize the wide network of professionals who support patients and families throughout their journey, contributing expertise, coordination, and compassion at every step.

ECMO Team Day is a moment to celebrate this remarkable multidisciplinary community – and to honor Dr. Bartlett's enduring legacy that continues to shape ECMO today. More details to come – stay tuned!



BARTLETT LEGACY 24-HOUR VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Join us for the Bartlett Legacy 24-Hour Virtual Summit, honoring the vision and lasting impact of Dr. Bartlett, organized by Dr. Nicholas Barrett.

Over the course of a full day, clinicians, researchers, and innovators will share knowledge, exchange breakthrough ideas, and highlight advancements shaping the future of ECMO and critical care.

This continuous conversation celebrates Dr. Bartlett's legacy while inspiring the next generation.

Register [here](#).





CHAPTER CONFERENCES



14th Annual EuroELSO Conference

Location: Dublin, Ireland

Dates: May 6 - May 9, 2026

Website: <https://euroelso-congress.com/>



8th Annual APELSO Conference

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Dates: June 11th - June 13th, 2026

Website: <https://apelso2026.jp/>



7th Annual LATAM Conference

Location: San Jose, Costa Rica

Dates: November 5th- November 7th, 2026

Website: <https://congresosusp.com/congreso-elso/>

SWAAC ELSO
13TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE **2027**
Najran | Saudi Arabia

SWAAC ELSO Conference 2027

Location: Najran, Saudi Arabia

Dates: Announcement Coming Soon!



COMMITTEE ROUNDUP

ELSO Conference Committee

Planning is in full swing for our 2026 Annual Conference, taking place at the iconic Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee, from September 28th to October 1st. Our Conference Committee is hard at work shaping a robust and engaging scientific agenda designed to inform and inspire our community.

We're excited to share that conference registration will open in March 2026. We hope you'll make plans to join us for a dynamic, enriching gathering featuring cutting-edge sessions, collaborative discussions, and meaningful networking opportunities. Plus, you'll be just steps away from the entertainment, dining, and unmistakable charm of Music City.

Stay tuned—more details are coming soon, and this is an event you won't want to miss.

SAVE *the* DATE

September 28 - October 1, 2026



Gaylord Opryland | Nashville, TN



Education Committee/ELSO Academy

The ELSO Global Education Committee (GEC) is working on many exciting projects. Key updates on a few major projects are detailed here.

1. ELSO Adult and Neo-Peds Courses for Fall 2026: Please follow closely for the dates to be announced on the website in the coming weeks.

2. ELSO Initiatives Dashboard: We appreciate all the interest that our community has shown in getting involved with ELSO. We are working hard with the Nominations & Membership Committee on improving the intake and communication processes. Please find the link to the dashboard here: [Get Involved](#)

Upcoming Course Dates

Our Winter and Spring 2026 ELSO Simulation Center Education activities are live on ELSO Academy. We are offering a variety of Adult Simulation, Neo/Peds Simulation, and Cannulation courses. Our Fall 2026 dates will be announced in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on the [ELSO Website](#) as well as ELSO Academy to see course dates and sign-up!

ELSO Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Adult Simulation Course

[ELSO at SCCM](#): March 20, 2026 (Session 1) & March 21, 2026 (Session 2)

LIMITED AVAILABILITY REMAINING, SIGN UP SOON!

Ann Arbor Spring 2026 Dates: April 14-15, 2026 (Session 1) & April 16-17, 2026 (Session 2)

ALL SESSIONS WAITLIST ONLY

Ann Arbor Fall 2026 Dates: Anticipating November 2026

STAY TUNED FOR REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT SOON

ELSO Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Neo/Peds Simulation Course

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ELSO Adult ECMO Cannulation Workshop (ELSO Office - Ann Arbor MI)

Spring 2026 Dates: April 18, 2026 (Session 1), April 19, 2026 (Session 2), April 20, 2026 (Session 3)

ALL SESSIONS WAITLIST ONLY

Fall 2026 Dates: Anticipating October & November 2026

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All Endorsed courses can be found [HERE](#)

All non-ELSO courses/events can be found [HERE](#).



Quality Committee - Award of Excellence

The 2026 AOE application is closing March 1st at 11:59 PM EST. There are updated instructions for uploading files which have been posted on the application website and forwarded to contacts listed in open applications. Please review these instructions and all the other Award tools before submitting your application.

We are reviewing your applications in Ann Arbor this year with a great team of new scoring members. Please feel free to reach out to us at awards@elso.org with any questions!

Tracy Morrison, Quality Chair

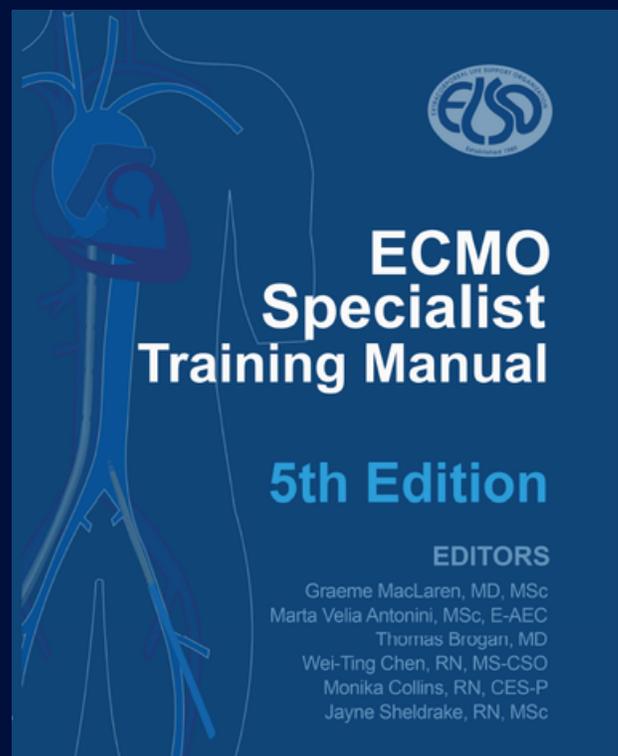


Publications Committee

The 5th Edition of the ECMO Specialist Training Manual is available through our Publications Website. You can order individual copies or coordinate a group purchase for your team or institution.

Highlights of the this edition include:

- Contributions from 120 authors representing regions across the globe
- 35 chapters featuring updated content and built-in knowledge checks
- A foreword written by Dr. Robert Bartlett
- A special dedication to Dr. Robert and Wanda Bartlett



Visit our website for the full list of publications available [HERE](#).



Nominations & Membership Committee

The ELSO WhatsApp Community continues to thrive as a global hub for ECMO specialists. It's a space where challenging cases are discussed, opinions are shared, and programmatic questions find answers—fostering collaboration and support among professionals worldwide. If you have a question or insight, join the conversation and contribute your expertise to help colleagues across the ELSO network.

To participate, visit the ELSO [website](#) and download WhatsApp on your device. Communities are designed to connect members, encourage collaboration, and provide peer support on key topics.

The committee is also seeking feedback on membership focused opportunities and events to be held in conjunction with the ELSO Conference this fall. Please reach out to us at membership@elso.org with any ideas!

Pablo Sanchez, Nominations and Membership Chair

Technology & Innovation Committee

Calling all ECMO Sim Masters! We are going to start a collaboration with the Education Committee called Sim Magic Demystified. We want to peel back the curtain and showcase how it's done. We will be tackling the top simulation skills that centers would need to master for ELSO course endorsement. The first topic will be Deconstructing Drainage Insufficiency. If you want to show off your sim skills and help other centers learn, email tmaul@elso.org and tell us how you make your magic happen. We're looking for two to three centers to show us how it's done!

Tim Maul, Technology & Innovation Chair

FELSO

FELSO is the honorary designation recognizing extraordinary contributions to the art and science of ECLS. Applications will receive consideration by the FELSO Nominations Committee.

When released in April 2026, the application will be available [here](#). Self-nominations will not be accepted.

For more information please email FELSO@elso.org



SURVEY ALLEY

ECMO Neuromonitoring Survey

This is a research study conducted by the Medical University of South Carolina regarding neuromonitoring practices in adult ECMO and the impact of ELSO's 2024 Adult Neuromonitoring Guideline. Our goal: To understand practice variation, identify barriers to adoption, and help inform future guideline updates for improved standardization across centers. Deadline to participate is March 28, 2026.

Primary Survey Contact: Stephanie Beauvais; beauvais@musc.edu

Link to Survey: https://redcap.link/NIRS_nonelso_survey

International ECMO Research Priority Setting Study

Monash University and the International ECMO Network are conducting a study to establish the top research priorities for ECMO over the next 5 years. We want to hear from you to help decide the future of ECMO research. Please consider taking 5 minutes to complete the first-round survey

Primary Survey Contact: Alastair Brown; alastair.brown@monash.edu

Link to Survey: https://monash.sydney1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5v9zN11tZkDm4u

ECMO Equipment Availability Survey

ELSO is surveying ECMO centers to better understand experiencing equipment availability challenges, and how equipment availability impacts patient care, capacity, and case volume. Your input will help define the scope of these challenges and guide meaningful engagement with regulatory agencies and industry partners.

The survey is confidential. All responses will be de-identified, and only aggregated data will be shared.

Data analysis will be conducted by ELSO.

Primary Survey Contact: ELSO; support@elso.org

Link to Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ECMOEquipment2026>



Have a survey that would benefit from insight from the global ELSO community?

Share it in Survey Alley, our newsletter feature highlighting active surveys from ELSO members around the world. To submit, please have your ELSO Center's Medical Director or Coordinator send a brief 2–3 sentence summary of the survey, the primary contact and email, and a link to the survey. Email submissions to newsletter@elso.org, we look forward to showcasing your work in an upcoming issue!

CIRCUIT CHATTER

SPECIAL EDITION

EDITED BY DR. GRAEME MACLAREN & DR. GILES PEEK

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CELEBRATION OF BOB'S LIFE AND HIS MARVELOUS FRIENDS



The ECMO community came together in Ann Arbor, MI, in late January to honor the life and legacy of our founder, Dr. Robert H. Bartlett. Despite a massive snowstorm, the event was a warm gathering of Dr. Bartlett's dear friends and colleagues from around the world.



Through powerful stories and reflections, we celebrated the many facets of Dr. Bartlett's life: his work as a clinician, researcher, inventor, founder, and true renaissance man. Speakers shared memories from the earliest days of ECMO, the trials that shaped its development, and the remarkable journeys of patients whose lives were saved because of his vision.



The event also marked the release of Dr. Bartlett's Memoirs, a collection capturing pivotal moments and lessons from his extraordinary career. We anticipate that a hardcover edition will soon be available for purchase on ELSO's Publications page. A free PDF download of the memoir is available here: [Bob Bartlett Memoirs](#)



We extend our sincere gratitude to the Michigan Medicine Department of Surgery, as well as the speakers and planning committee, for bringing this meaningful program to life.

Recordings of the event can be found on ELSO's YouTube page here: [ELSO on YouTube](#)



ELSO CHAPTER UPDATES: ECMO AROUND THE WORLD

APELSO

8th AP ELSO Annual Conference: Join us in Tokyo, June 11th-13th, 2026, for the 8th AP ELSO Conference. This meeting will bring together clinicians and researchers from across the Asia-Pacific region for scientific exchange and collaboration. Early bird registration is open until April 14th. Learn more at <https://apelso2026.jp/>



2026 AP ELSO Steering Committee: AP ELSO has transitioned to a new role-based governance structure to enhance diversity, transparency, and regional engagement. Under the leadership of President Dr. Pranya Sakiyalak and committee leadership, we will soon invite members to participate in committee activities and help guide AP ELSO's future.

2026 Steering Committee: Pranya Sakiyalak (President, Thailand) • Simon Sin Wai Chin (President-Elect, Hong Kong SAR, China) • Shingo Ichiba (Past President, Japan) • Hwa Jin Cho (Secretary, South Korea) • Takako Akimoto (Assistant Secretary, Japan) • Adrian C. Mattke (Treasurer, Australia) • Ricky Chan (Education, Hong Kong SAR, China) • Vincent Pellegrino (Research, Australia) • Jae-Seung Jung (Conference, South Korea) • Eva Marwali (Nominations, Indonesia) • Chih-Hsien Wang (Publications, Taiwan, China)

LATAM ELSO

Please join us for the 7th Annual LATAM Conference, being held in San Jose, Costa Rica in November 2026. Up to date news and event information can be found on our website: elsolatam.net.

Fernando Antoniali, LATAM ELSO Chair





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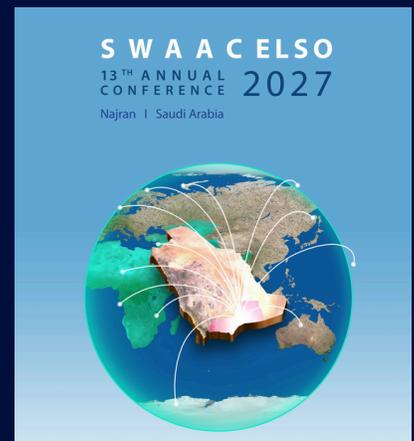
SWAAC ELSO

SWAAC ELSO 2026 annual meeting was held this month in Chennai, India between 5-8th February. The meeting was a great success with over 800 attendees both delegates and faculty. Both scientific and social programs were outstanding and left great memories for all attendees. Here are some highlights:



2027 SWAAC ELSO Annual Meeting: Mark your calendar for the next annual meeting which will be held in Najran, Saudi Arabia. Dates will be announced soon!

Huda Alfoudri, MD, SWAAC ELSO Chair





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EuroELSO

2026 EuroELSO Congress: The wider faculty and EuroELSO team are delighted to invite you to join us at the next EuroELSO Congress which will be held in Dublin between 6th – 9th May 2026 with the pre-Congress meeting being held on 6th and 7th May. More information can be found on the congress website [here](#).



EuroELSO Scientific Committee Leadership: We are pleased to announce the election of Dr. Jan Belohlavek as the new Chair of the EuroELSO Scientific Committee. He will serve a two-year term, guiding scientific priorities and supporting research initiatives across the region.

Upcoming Joint Webinar with ESPNIC: Coming soon: a collaborative webinar with ESPNIC on the topic "ECMO in the Immunosuppressed Child." Stay tuned for the official date and registration information.

International ECMO Priority-Setting Survey: We invite you to participate in the International Priority Setting Partnership for the Use of ECMO in Critical Illness, a global survey conducted in partnership with ANZIC and Monash University. Your input will help shape future research priorities. Link to Survey: https://monash.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5v9zNlltZkDm4u

Train-the-Trainer Course: Our next Train-the-Trainer Course will take place in Barcelona from July 15–18, 2026. More information on registration and course logistics will be shared soon.

Mirko Belliato, EuroELSO Chair



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REMARKS

Bartlett's Legacy

The many ways people and organizations around the world are honoring Dr. Bartlett has been incredible to witness. I know he would be humbled and grateful. He had an enormous enthusiasm for life - in medicine, science, caring for patients, music, history, hockey, and his friends and family. Of the life lessons any and all of us might carry forward, a few rise to the top: relentless curiosity, optimism, and tenacity. Bartlett was the kind of person that made you feel you could do more than maybe you thought you could. He was an inspiration to us all across so many fields of life's pursuits.

I hope each of us can keep his legacy alive in how we approach our own life. At ELSO, we are thoughtfully incorporating his principles and approach into our work and community. This is an exclusive community for those interested in extracorporeal life support - but expansively inclusive of all with that curiosity. When ELSO was founded in 1989, it was global at the beginning. We remain committed to a global community of friends where this is the place we come together to help each other advance care - on behalf of the patients we serve, one patient at a time, everywhere in the world.

Please enjoy his Memoirs, which will soon be available on our publications page and available for free as a pdf version and the videos from his Celebration of Life and His Marvelous Friends event held in Ann Arbor in January. As mentioned at the start of the Newsletter, on March 16 - 17, ELSO will host a 24-hour virtual summit in honor of Dr. Bartlett - a showcase of the advances in extracorporeal science from all regions of the world. SWAAC ELSO did a lovely job honoring him and infusing his life lessons in their recent conference held in Chennai, India. I am excited to see how this effort will continue across all ELSO chapters and many other organizations.

In this spirit, if you have suggestions or recommendations for how we can better advance extracorporeal life support or collaborate and support each other in improving access to care, and outcomes for patients, please let us know: support@elso.org or email me: cstead@elso.org.

We have the quite fortunate honor of being here to help each other - because of Dr. Bartlett's enthusiasm and approach to improve this field.

I look forward to hearing from you, and hopefully seeing you, soon.

Christine Stead, CEO



The Extracorporeal Life Support Organization

Our Mission

Providing global leadership in extracorporeal life support through innovation, advocacy, and advancing knowledge.

Our Vision

ELSO will be the premier organization for the advancement of extracorporeal life support throughout the world.

Guiding Principles

Innovation

Seeking to identify and promote advances for the application of extracorporeal therapies.

Expertise

Bringing together world leaders in the care of critically ill patients for collaboration to advance quality of care through education and publication.

Clinical Support

Maintaining a comprehensive registry of data to assist in reducing morbidity and improving survival of patients requiring extracorporeal therapies.

Community

Fostering communication and collaboration among professionals who apply advanced technologies in the treatment of refractory organ failure.



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