



## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT by and between**

**Simulation Interoperability Standards Organization**

**And**

**European Training and Simulation Association**

This is an agreement by and between the Simulation Interoperability Standards Organization, a non-profit scientific/educational organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code located at Post Office Box 781238, Orlando FL, 32878-1238 (hereinafter referred to as SISO); and the European Training and Simulation Association (ETSA) Community Interest Company (CIC) (hereinafter referred to as ETSA CIC), registered in England and Wales with the Companies House on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010 (Company Number 07287729), and located at Ralls House, Parklands Business Park, Denmead, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO7 6XP, UK.

Whereas the mission of SISO is to develop, manage, maintain, and promulgate user-driven Modeling and Simulation (M&S) standards that improve the technical quality and cost efficiency of M&S implementations across the world-wide M&S community;

Whereas the objects of ETSA are to provide a means by which different elements of the European training and simulation community can co-operate to their mutual benefit. Represent the interests of the European training and simulation industry to European institutions, governments, research funders, users and purchasers. Provide a means by which all parts of the European training and simulation community exchange non-partisan information and understanding. Provide a unified voice for the European training and simulation community and co-operate internationally. Improve the capabilities of the European training and simulation community by promoting and assisting with training and simulation educational qualifications, accreditation and through life learning;

Whereas the parties mutually desire an agreement, with each other, for the enhancement of training and simulation activities including standardization that will accrue to the benefit of industry and government in the European Union, North-America and other parts of the world; both parties commit to work together closely to develop a more formal relationship that is dynamic and iterative in nature.

This agreement shall be in effect when signed by the Chair of the SISO EXCOM and the president of ETSA. Revisions require the same signatures. This agreement remains in effect until terminated by written notification from either party to the other. At a minimum review of the agreement will be conducted every three years.

## DETAILED AGREEMENTS

SISO and ETSA will jointly promote all training, modelling and simulation opportunities in North-America, Europe and the Rest of the World to its members, delegates and visitors where both organizations believe that their respective mission and objects can be promoted, achieved and discharged.

ETSA invites SISO to designate a SISO Executive Committee (EXCOM) member representing SISO at the ETSA Board of Directors. SISO invites ETSA to designate an ETSA member as the EXCOM liaison to ETSA. Both designated members will serve as non-voting ex-officio member to the related committees.

SISO and ETSA will conduct a bilateral meeting at I/ITSEC annually; its purpose will be to review the joint activity of the current year and discuss new activities for the following calendar year. SISO and ETSA will cooperate to de-conflict their respective events.

ETSA will support SISO in Europe, acting as its official representative,

- to promote SISO to European industry and governments in any opportunity,
- to help finding new European sponsors of SISO,
- to help organizing European SISO events such as seminars, ad hoc meetings of SISO working groups<sup>1</sup> or meetings in conjunction with European conferences.

ETSA will announce and promote events organized by SISO on its website and by frequent mailing to ETSA members. ETSA will provide hyperlink to the SISO's web page on its web site.

ETSA will work with ITEC Ltd to organize a SISO seminar at the annual ITEC conference and exhibit.

SISO will promote European events supported by ETSA such as ITEC on its website.

SISO will serve as ETSA's liaison with the M&S standards community. Likewise, ETSA will serve as SISO's liaison with the European training community.

SISO will provide hyperlink to the ETSA's web page on its web site.

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<sup>1</sup> Product Development Groups (PDG), Product Support Groups (PSG), Study Groups (SG).

Signed by: 	Signed by: 
GRAHAM McEVoy name and date	Michael J. O'Connor name and date
5/20/2014	5/13/2014
for and on behalf of the European Training and Simulation Association	for and on behalf of the Simulation Interoperability Standards Organization