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IAEM welcomes the inaugural national meeting of the Emergency Medicine Student Society, Ireland (EMSSI) on 24th September 2012

The Irish Association for Emergency Medicine warmly welcomes the latest in a series of landmark developments for the specialty in 2012 with the launch of the Emergency Medicine Student Society, Ireland (EMSSI). Over 300 Medical students and doctors from around the country attended the Inaugural Lecture and Q&A session which took place at Trinity College, Dublin on 24th September 2012. The Inaugural Lecture was given by Prof. Ronan O'Sullivan, National Director for Higher Specialist Training in Emergency Medicine (EM) and inaugural Honorary President of EMSSI.

Each of the medical schools on the island of Ireland is represented on the EMSSI National Committee under the co-chairmanship of Helena Dolphin and Jimmy Lee, two Trinity Medical Students.

The main and practical aims of the society are:

- To provide a forum for students in all healthcare fields to get involved in extra-curricular events pertaining to EM and its sub-specialties;
- To facilitate networking between medical schools for those interested in EM with a view to promotion of EM as an attractive career choice;
- To organise relevant events both locally and nationally.

The future of any specialty depends on its youth. The fact that there is now an active and broadly based organisation for medical students with an interest in EM will undoubtedly help channel interested and well-informed medical students into the specialty. The Association looks forward to actively assisting EMSSI in its development so that the next generation of doctors can be supported in joining the dynamic specialty of EM.

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