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**IAEM announces the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with  
*Disaster Relief by Irish and Pakistanis (DRIP)***

The Irish Association for Emergency Medicine (IAEM) is keen to foster links with other likeminded charitable organisations and is thus delighted to announce the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the [Disaster Relief by Irish and Pakistanis \(DRIP\)](#) organisation.

DRIP was founded in October 2005 by Pakistanis and their Irish supporters, following the massive earthquake in Pakistan and as a voluntary organisation has striven to react to subsequent disasters and the associated emergency health care needs in that country.

IAEM recognises the immense effort and dedication of DRIP to date and is delighted to provide educational and strategic guidance to help DRIP to develop Emergency Medicine in Pakistan, in association with the relevant Pakistani institutions, so it is capable of meeting both the current and future emergency care needs of all its citizens.

Accordingly IAEM has agreed with DRIP to:

1. Explore opportunities in matters relating to exchange of information and training in Emergency Medicine;
2. Encourage the development of Emergency Medicine as a speciality in Pakistan;
3. Look into opportunities, on a voluntary basis, to help Pakistan to develop in-hospital Emergency Medicine through institutional development.

IAEM looks forward to this exciting partnership which will result in the people of Pakistan benefitting from the expertise and experience of IAEM and its members.

The MoU was jointly signed by IAEM and DRIP at a ceremony in Dublin on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Some photographs of the event are available [here](#).

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