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**14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Emergency Medicine for Dublin**

The Irish Association for Emergency Medicine (IAEM) welcomes the announcement made at the Board Meeting of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM) that the IAEM will host the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Emergency Medicine in Dublin in 2012. This major biennial conference has been hosted in rotation by the four founder members of IFEM (U.S.A., U.K., Canada and Australasia) since 1986. The most recent International Conference took place in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006. The 2008 and 2010 Conferences will take place in San Francisco and Singapore respectively before the International Emergency Medicine community will come to Dublin for the first time.

This decision recognises the major progress that has taken place in Ireland in recent years in developing Emergency Medicine as a specialty. From humble beginnings there are now 50 Consultants in post with a well established (Specialist Registrar) Training Scheme in the Specialty. IAEM looks forward to the continuing development of the Specialty and to the HSE addressing of the infrastructural deficits, which to date have limited the effectiveness of Consultant expansion. The 2012 Conference will be an opportunity to showcase Irish Emergency Medicine to a world audience and IAEM looks forward to the challenge involved

27<sup>th</sup> June 2006.