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Dublin hosts College of Emergency Medicine Autumn Meeting

The Irish Association for Emergency Medicine (IAEM) is delighted to host the biannual *College of Emergency Medicine* meeting which will take place at Trinity College, Dublin on 23rd – 25th September 2008. The combined meeting which will also be held in conjunction with the Association of Paediatric Emergency Medicine will subsume the annual meeting of IAEM.

Organised Emergency Medicine has been in existence in these islands for just over 40 years and 2008 represents a very significant milestone with the incorporation by Royal Charter of the *College of Emergency Medicine* on 29th February 2008. The College's regional structure includes a National Board for Ireland and Mr Patrick Plunkett, Consultant in Emergency Medicine at St James's Hospital, Dublin has been elected its first chair.

The Irish organising committee has arranged a very comprehensive educational programme with keynote speakers from Ireland, UK, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. The full programme is available on www.iaem.ie.

The annual David Williams lecture entitled '*If Emergency Medicine did not already exist, it would have to be invented*' will be given by Mr. Plunkett. In addition, the now perennial problem of Emergency Department overcrowding will be addressed with speakers from the USA, UK and Ireland contributing to this debate.

All in all, the meeting promises to be an exciting and enjoyable educational experience

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