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IAEM celebrates record breaking Cork Annual Scientific Meeting

The 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the Irish Association for Emergency Medicine took place in Cork last weekend. A record number of scientific papers were received and the conference was booked out due to unprecedented demand for places.

The Cork conference had an exciting new look with “blast” presentations - talks limited to 10 minutes to allow more speakers present on a much broader range of topics than usual. The speakers included national and international experts from as far away as Australia and the USA and presented across the whole spectrum of Emergency Medicine and Paediatric Emergency Medicine. Practical pre-conference workshops included sessions on heroic life-saving procedures; intricate skills to deal with complex injuries and the use of ultrasound for diagnosis of chest injury and illness in the Emergency Department.

The conference discussed cutting-edge management of medical emergencies as well as the optimal delivery of emergency care within a National Emergency Care System, including solutions to the on-going crisis of admitted hospital inpatients being lodged in Emergency Departments. The Association envisages that, in future, emergency care will be delivered in a smaller number of 24/7 Emergency Departments supported by other Emergency Care Units, such as Local Injury Units, as part of regional Emergency Care Networks (ECNs).

The 2015 Leo Vella Lecture was delivered by Dr. Cathal O'Donnell, Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Medical Director of the National Ambulance Service. This lecture is delivered in honour of the late Mr Leo Vella, the first Consultant in Emergency Medicine in the Republic of Ireland, to recognise people who have contributed exceptionally to development of the emergency care system in Ireland.

Dr. Conor Deasy and his local organising committee are to be congratulated on delivering such an excellent academic and social event. Next year's ASM will take place in Dublin from 20th to 22nd October 2016 and will be hosted by the Association's members in Beaumont Hospital.

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