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IAEM looks forward to SimWars 2022

The 2022 National SimWars Competition will be hosted by the Limerick chapter of the Emergency Medicine Student Society of Ireland ([EMSSI](#)) and will take place on Saturday 12th March 2022 at the University of Limerick, School of Medicine. This is the first in-person competition since 2019 as CoVid19 pandemic restrictions mandated the past two years' events being switched to an online format.

This all-Ireland contest will feature participants from the seven universities on the island with over 100 medical and nursing students taking part. The judging panel this year includes nearly 30 healthcare providers across a range of disciplines including Consultants and Senior Trainees in Emergency Medicine, Anaesthesia and General Medicine as well as nursing, pre-hospital and other healthcare providers and educators. One such judge, Dr Vicky Meighan, Consultant in Emergency Medicine at Tallaght University Hospital, noted, 'looking forward to judging the Emergency Medicine student SimWars! The standard year-on-year is exceptionally high. This fantastic student event showcases the knowledge and skills medical and nursing students gain by participating in simulation-based education, preparing them for their future careers.'

SimWars is an intervarsity simulation resuscitation competition involving medical and nursing students and was created in 2017 by Dr James Condren and Dr Tiarnán Byrne when they were final-year medical students at UCD. Both are now trainees on the Irish National Emergency Medicine Training Scheme with Dr Condren a Specialist Registrar and Dr Byrne a Senior House Officer in Emergency Medicine. Clinical assessment and management of simulated patients who require resuscitation in addition to communication, teamwork and leadership are all evaluated. Interest and participation in SimWars has progressively increased year-on-year since its inception and the Association is committed to continue to support this innovative and exciting competition on an ongoing basis.

IAEM is delighted that SimWars is being held live as it was originally intended this year. Simulation and its role in education was featured at the Association's Annual Scientific Meeting in October 2021.

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