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## IAEM congratulates winners of 2023 *National SIMWars* Competition

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March saw the *2023 National SimWars Competition* take place, hosted by the Emergency Society at RCSI and RCSI Sim in their state-of-the-art facility in Dublin. The all-Ireland contest featured participants from all seven universities on the island with a record 116 medical and nursing students taking part. 'TBI Fridays,' representing University of Limerick School of Medicine, were crowned 2023 *SimWars* Champions having edged out UCD's 'Hocus Pocus' and UL's 'Spleens of the Stone Age' in one of the most competitive finals in *SimWars*' history.

The judging panel this year included more than 30 healthcare providers across a range of disciplines including Consultants and trainees in Emergency Medicine and General Medicine as well as nursing, pre-hospital personnel and other healthcare educators. One such judge, Dr. Emily O'Connor, Consultant in Emergency Medicine at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown remarked, 'This was my first time at *SimWars*. The calibre of the student participants was extraordinary, and the organisation was brilliant. This was a really positive day for Irish Emergency Medicine. Congratulations to all involved!'

*SimWars* is an intervarsity simulation resuscitation competition involving medical and nursing students from universities across the island of Ireland which was launched in 2017. The competition evaluates the clinical assessment and management of simulated patients who require resuscitation as well as the teams' communication, teamwork and leadership skills. The interest and participation in *SimWars* has progressively increased year-on-year. IAEM congratulates *SimWars* and RCSI on the successful delivery of the yearly competition. The Association has committed to continue to support this innovative and exciting competition on an ongoing basis and looks forward to the 2023 Trainee & Nursing competition that will take place this October at the Association's Annual Scientific Meeting.



**TBI Friday's**

(L to R): Connor Pires (Y1), Eoin Donnellan (Y2), Aoife Tonna-Barthet (Y4),  
Reem Hashem (Y3), Eva Twomey (Y2) and Mary Beth Brown (Y1)

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