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IAEM looks forward to the 2023 National *SIMWars* Competition

The [2023 National *SimWars* Competition](#) will be hosted by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) Emergency Medicine Student Society and will take place next Saturday 11th March at the state-of-the-art RCSI SIM Centre in Dublin. 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 will include 30 healthcare providers across a range of disciplines including Consultants and Senior Trainees in Emergency Medicine as well as nursing, pre-hospital personnel and other healthcare educators. One such judge, Dr Paul Staunton, Consultant in Emergency Medicine at St. James's Hospital, noted, 'SimWars showcases the importance of simulation in medical education and in ensuring patient safety. It's great to see such hard work, enthusiasm and talent from the student teams involved. I'm looking forward to the competition and to the high standards of care in resuscitation that the teams will provide.'

SimWars is an intervarsity simulation resuscitation competition involving medical and nursing students. It was the brain child of Drs James Condren and Tiarnán Byrne when they were final-year medical students at UCD in 2017. Both have since gone on to become senior trainees on the National Emergency Medicine Training Scheme. The competition evaluates the clinical assessment and management of simulated patients who require resuscitation as well as the teams' communication, teamwork and leadership skills.

Interest and participation in *SimWars* has progressively increased year-on-year since its inception and the Irish Association for Emergency Medicine is committed to continue to support this innovative and exciting competition on an ongoing basis. The Association is delighted that *SimWars* continues to evolve and generate interest in the wider Emergency Medicine community. Indeed, the first national competition for junior doctors and nurses took place at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Association in Cavan in October 2022 with a team from Tallaght University Hospital narrowly edging out one from Sligo University Hospital in the final.

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