



# Northern Ireland Simulation and Human Factors Network Newsletter July-August 2018

## Inaugural success for all at RBHSC SimEd Summer Sim-off contest

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018, RBHSC SimEd department hosted the UK & Ireland's inaugural national Sim-off competition in QUB Riddell Hall. This event, based on an informal 'Sim-Wars' competition format, recruited 10 Paediatric teams from all over Ireland, with an aim to promote sim-based enthusiasm through a novel concept not yet seen on these islands. All 5 NI Trusts were represented and as well as that, we were delighted to welcome a trainee APNP team from the University of Ulster & Temple Street PEM team from Dublin.

The event was a huge success with over 120 intrigued sim-enthusiast guests from Paediatrics, EM & Anaesthetics, Nursing as well as Healthcare education in attendance. It also acted as a regional ST 1-8 Paediatric Training Event through support from the NIMDTA Paediatric school board.

The judging panel comprised of an extremely experienced group of clinical educators, academics & experts in sim-based education- Dr Moira Stewart, Dr Richard Tubman, Dr Damian Armstrong, Dr Neil Kennedy & Dr Anthony Mc Carthy. Performances were rated on both technical & non-technical skills demonstrated in the seven-minute simulation.

Dr Mike Morrow, chair of NISHFN, opened this innovate event & welcomed all competing teams & invited guests. There were also guest talks from Dr Alan Laverty from the Northern Ireland Helicopter Emergency Service (NIHEMS) on Paediatric Retrieval as well as Dr JA Collins updated paediatric trainees on the new RCPCH Progress curriculum.

We were delighted to have such great support from sponsors such as RCPCH Ireland, the Children's Cancer Unit Charity, as well as Starbucks Coffee, Helping Hand Charity , RBHSC Medical Staffing Fund, Danone, Nestle, Mead Johnson, Alk-Abello & Cardiotec.

The event ran from 12pm to 5pm and concluded with a Summer BBQ & prize-giving ceremony. As well as first placed team, awards were presented for 2<sup>nd</sup> place team , and several 'Sim-star' performer awards for Most dramatic performance, most laidback performance & funniest comment. Several teams were in fancy dress with RBHSC QI champion 'Daisy' the cow featuring as well as some extras from hit comedy show 'Derry Girls'.



This is the first national Sim-off contest to take place in the UK & Ireland within any specialty, and has set a precedent amongst Sim-based initiatives & enthusiasts. Fellowship directors Dr Tom Bourke & Dr Andrew Thompson were overwhelmed by the support & enthusiasm for this inaugural event.

The event received excellent feedback and therefore RBHSC SimEd team hope to run this event on an biennial basis & are hoping to extend this with teams from EM, Anaesthetics , Neonatology & beyond. Discussions have already begun with some interested teams in hosting next year's event, and making it a permanent fixture in the Simulation calendar.

For more information on our team & Paediatric courses/initiatives, follow us on @SimEdRBHSC or contact RBHSC Paediatric Simulation & Education Fellow 17-18 on [peter.mallett@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:peter.mallett@belfasttrust.hscni.net)



NISHFN Social Media:

Edited in July 2018 by Dr Lorraine Bouzan, ADEPT  
Simulation Fellow 2017/18, ST4 Emergency Medicine

Twitter @NISHFN

Website: [www.NISHFN.org](http://www.NISHFN.org)

Email: [lorraine.bouzan@hscni.net](mailto:lorraine.bouzan@hscni.net)