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October 14, 2004

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of October, 2004

Commission File Number 001-13896

Elan Corporation, plc  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Lincoln House, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2, Ireland  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F  /X/

Form 40-F  / /

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Yes  / /

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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes      /   /     No      /X/

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

#### EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Press release dated October 14, 2004 titled: Elan announces webcast of third quarter 2004 financial results.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ELAN CORPORATION, plc  
  
 By:     /s/ William F. Daniel  
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           William F. Daniel  
           Company Secretary

Date: October 14, 2004

Exhibit 99.1

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## ELAN ANNOUNCES WEBCAST OF THIRD QUARTER 2004 FINANCIAL RESULTS

DUBLIN, IRELAND, OCTOBER 14, 2004 -- Elan Corporation, plc announced today that it will host a conference call on Thursday, October 28, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time (ET), 1:30 p.m. British Summer Time (BST) with the investment community to discuss Elan's third quarter 2004 financial results, which will be released before the U.S. and European financial markets open.

Live audio of the conference call will be simultaneously broadcast over the Internet and will be available to investors, members of the news media and the general public.

This event can be accessed by visiting Elan's website at [www.elan.com](http://www.elan.com) and clicking on the Investor Relations section, then on the event icon. Following the live webcast, an archived version of the call will be available at the same URL.

### About Elan

Elan is a neuroscience-based biotechnology company that is focused on discovering, developing, manufacturing, selling and marketing advanced therapies in neurodegenerative diseases, autoimmune diseases and severe pain. Elan's (NYSE: ELN) shares trade on the New York, London and Dublin Stock Exchanges.