

Ireland body issues invitation to FIATA World Congress 2016

WCO Secretary General to open Congress in Dublin

Dublin, 26th May 2016 – FIATA World Congress Dublin 2016 is delighted to announce that Mr Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General of the World Customs Organisation (WCO), will be a guest of honour for the opening ceremony of Congress on October 5.

The city of Dublin, Ireland plays host to the FIATA 2016 World Congress which attracts up to 1,000 delegates and will take place this year from October 3 – 8 at the multi-award winning and iconic Convention Centre Dublin (CCD). Ireland's industry representative body, the Irish International Freight Association (IIFA), is the local event organiser in co-operation with FIATA.

FIATA World Congress Dublin 2016 is an opportunity for C-suite executives and business owners from the global forwarding and logistics industry to gather in a single location for knowledge sharing, international networking and business development.

With over 40,000 forwarding and logistics member firms in FIATA, employing 10 million people in over 150 countries, the global forward and logistics industry plays a vital role in supporting economic activity around the world.

Commenting; Tom Thornton, President of IIFA said:

“FIATA members are the unseen and unsung heroes that enable global trade and individual economies to function smoothly day in and day out. We are particularly delighted that Mr Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) will participate at the opening of Congress in Dublin.

“Ireland first hosted the FIATA World Congress in 1981 and it is a great honour to formally invite members worldwide to visit Dublin in 2016 and participate in the industry's annual showcase event. Those delegates who have never been to Dublin can expect a warm and hospitable embrace from our capital city.”

Announcements on other distinguished guests and speakers will be made in due course, according to IIFA.

Key themes for FIATA World Congress Dublin 2016 include anti-corruption, competition compliance, customs and borders, innovation, multi-modal, regulation and security. There is a focus also on new technologies and Congress has attracted a number of software and technological partners who will exhibit in parallel which will be of interest to those firms seeking efficiencies and / or migration to the Cloud.

In addition, the Regional Leaders Dialogue is organised along the traditional lines of Africa / Middle East; Americas; Asia Pacific; and Europe.

The traditional social programme for both delegates and partners will run in parallel to the conference programme and includes a Night of Irish Culture, a Dublin Literary Pub Crawl, golf at the K Club, home of the 2006 Ryder Cup, and other activities.

Early bird ticket discounts are available for sale until 30 June 2016. For further information please see <http://fiata2016.org/register/>

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Caption for group image attached:

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