

## 2016 FIATA World Congress Dublin

### Confirms New speakers

FIATA World Congress 2016 is delighted to announce an updated speaker programme as the countdown continues to this year's Congress in Dublin, Ireland from October 3 – 8. Over 30 global Speakers will share their innovative ideas and offer insightful opinions on topics of global relevance affecting freight transport, logistics and international trade.

Keynote speakers on the opening day of the conference on October 5 include Robert Van de Weg, Senior Vice President Sales of AirBridgeCargo Airlines, Umberto de Pretto, Secretary General of the International Road Transport Union and John Corr, Tour Principal at Sound Moves (UK) Ltd who will all address Congress on the subject of *'Working Smart – World Solutions to traders'*.

The opening day's conference will then break into simultaneous Regional Leaders' Dialogue sessions, representing Africa/ Middle-East, Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe, before concluding with FIATA's Advisory Body Legal Matters session, featuring speakers Scott Megregian, Partner, K & L Gates, and Jake Storey, Strategic Advisor – Maritime Initiatives, TRACE International Ltd.

Other confirmed speakers include Susanne Aigner, Head of Unit Customs Legislation at the European Commission, with responsibility for the EU's customs code and general legislation in this area, and Donia Hammami, Taxation, Customs and Trade Facilitation Policy Manager at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). They will speak at the session entitled, 'Marking thoughtful policy choices: the Custom Affairs Institute (CAI) guides you through trade facilitation.' This session will be guest moderated by Josephine Feehily, past Chairperson of Irish Revenue Commissioners and currently Chairperson of the Irish Policing Authority.

Innovation in technology is also up for discussion in the 'Meet the experts: Managing technology with the advice of the FIATA Advisory Body Information Technology' session which will feature Oliver Evans, from Matternet, who will speak about Drone Logistics.

FIATA World Congress Dublin 2016 previously announced that Mr Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General of the World Customs Organisation (WCO), would be the guest of honour for the opening ceremony of the Congress. Aligning with the Congress theme of Where Networking Comes Naturally, Ruth Waring of Labyrinth Logistics Consulting Ltd will speak about effective networking during the Opening Ceremony.

Important events will run right through the Congress. Day 3 will see particular significance as the public signature of the cooperation agreement on a new jointly-managed air cargo program between FIATA and IATA will take place during the Air Freight Institute session. Following this public signature there will be a few words to mark the occasion, given by the FIATA President and the CEO of IATA.

Key themes for the Congress this year include competition compliance, customs and borders, innovation, multi-modal, regulation and security. There is also a focus 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.

Commenting; Tom Thornton, President of Irish International Freight Association, said:

“FIATA World Congress Dublin 2016 will cover a range of important topics and issues of concern for our members and delegates. It is a wonderful opportunity for C-suite executives and business owners from the global forwarding and logistics industry to meet for knowledge sharing, networking and business development.”

For further information on the FIATA World Congress Dublin 2016 speaker programme please see <http://fiata2016.org/speaker/> or for registration please see <http://fiata2016.org/register/>.

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