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INE Director Participates with key Irish Diaspora in US Embassy-hosted Discussions on Energy Options for Ireland

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Professor Seamus Curran was approached by the Irish Government and asked to attend this high level policy meeting in Ireland to discuss key energy policy issues in both Marine Energy and Smart Grid Technology.

This two-day workshop was held on 10th and 11th May in Farmleigh House, Dublin and in the Parliament Buildings, Belfast and was hosted by the US Embassy in partnership with Northern Ireland's Department for Enterprise Trade and Investment, The Irish Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Invest NI, Enterprise Ireland, Sustainable Energy Ireland, IBEC-CBI and InterTradeIreland.

The event provided delegates with a unique opportunity to create research and business opportunities for the USA and the island of Ireland by developing new collaborative projects and exploring new business opportunities. Almost 160 attendees, from Ireland, Northern Ireland and the United States attended the event and heard keynote addresses from senior government representatives from the island and high level personalities from the US.

Keynote addresses covered such topics as transforming the Irish power system, increasing energy efficiency, optimizing power distribution, the Smart Grid, offshore power and more.

Details at;

<http://www.all-island-renewable-forum-2010.com>

The Institute for NanoEnergy was established at the University of Houston in 2009 in order to develop breakthrough technologies in energy storage and generation (solar and wind) by developing organic based nano-photonic, nano-phononic and nanomechanical composites that are manufactured by means of sophisticated material control mechanisms.

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