

# The Celtic Tiger Dinner in Pictures



AIMS president Brian Lee Crowley provides the audience with an overview of AIMS first ten years and its five international awards. To read Mr. Crowley's remarks, [click here.](#)

Guest Speaker Dr. Garret FitzGerald (extreme left), AIMS Chairman David McD. Mann, and AIMS President Brian Lee Crowley greet New Brunswick Premier Bernard Lord on his arrival at the Celtic Tiger Dinner. Premier Lord rushed to the Saint John event as soon as the provincial legislature in Fredericton adjourned for the day. He missed the pre-dinner reception, but was in time for dinner and to hear Special Guest Angus King and Dr. FitzGerald.



The former Governor of Maine, Angus S. King, Jr. was the special guest at the Celtic Tiger Dinner and introduced guest speaker Dr. Garret FitzGerald, the former Prime Minister of Ireland. Governor King used the opportunity to praise AIMS for its work on its High School Report Card, saying, "Education is too important to be left strictly to educationalists." To read Governor King's complete remarks, [click here.](#)



Guest speaker Dr. Garret FitzGerald clearly enjoyed his evening. He began his remarks by saying "I've enjoyed so much today here and this evening, that the trouble is I have so many things I want to say arising from the discussion this evening, I'll never get to the speech!" [Click here to read a transcript of Dr. FitzGerald's remarks.](#)

Dr. FitzGerald was happy to move from behind the podium after he finished his remarks to answer questions from the audience.



Dr. FitzGerald's remarks "The Celtic Tiger: Ireland and its Lessons for Atlantic Canada" held the attention of all in the audience.



New Brunswick Premier Bernard Lord listens to senior statesman and former Irish Prime Minister Dr. Garret FitzGerald. “But the one thing about politics — Premier, you’ll agree with me — is politicians can learn from mistakes as long as they’re big enough. We’re not so hot on the small ones,” said Dr. FitzGerald.



NB Premier Lord thanked the guest speaker and used the opportunity to congratulate AIMS on its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 5<sup>th</sup> international award. “There’s no doubt that the work of AIMS plays an important role in the ongoing development of public policy here in New Brunswick and throughout the region,” he said.



During dinner, Premier Lord explains a point to AIMS chairman David McD. Mann (left).

Saint John Deputy Mayor Michelle Hooton (right) talks to guest speaker Dr. Garret FitzGerald during the pre-dinner reception for AIMS 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in New Brunswick.



(left to right) AIMS president Brian Lee Crowley, Dr. Garret FitzGerald, Saint John Deputy Mayor Michelle Hooton, and AIMS chairman David McD. Mann share a laugh during the pre-dinner reception for AIMS' Celtic Tiger Dinner.

New Brunswick Premier Bernard Lord takes time at the end of the evening to speak to AIMS president Brian Lee Crowley and AIMS vice-chair & Celtic Tiger Dinner event chair John F. Irving.



More than 250 people enjoyed the Celtic Tiger Dinner, AIMS's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in New Brunswick on May 31<sup>st</sup>. A pre-dinner reception outside the Royal Ballroom at the Delta Brunswick set the tone for an evening of entertainment, information and insight.

Guest speaker Dr. Garret FitzGerald, the former Prime Minister of Ireland, managed to meet many of the people at the Celtic Tiger Dinner during the pre-dinner reception.





Senior statesman meets the new generation. New Brunswick Premier Bernard Lord (left) used the opportunity of the Celtic Tiger Dinner to have a few private moments with the former Prime Minister of Ireland, Dr. Garret FitzGerald.

Guest speaker, Dr. Garret FitzGerald and event chair John F. Irving shake hands at the end of the Celtic Tiger Dinner. An AIMS event that was called thought-provoking, insightful and informative.

