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**Part One: Celebrating in New Brunswick: AIMS invites you to "The Celtic Tiger Dinner" to mark its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and its 5<sup>th</sup> international award.**

Ten years and five international awards later, the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies is one of the most award-winning think tanks in the world. Its work in such policy areas as education, health care, equalization, public finances, aquaculture and economic development is in demand by political, business and community leaders across Canada and around the world. It's a significant accomplishment for an Institute that started here just 10 years ago.

AIMS has much to celebrate in its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. It has just received the 2005 Templeton Freedom Award for Institute Excellence, the only institute in North America so honoured this year. It has also received the Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award four times. No other think tank in the world has received the Fisher more times than AIMS. In addition, its books *The Road to Growth* and *Retreat From Growth* were short-listed for the Donner Prize for the best Canadian book on public policy.

AIMS is celebrating its anniversary, its accomplishments and its friends and supporters. In November there was a banquet in Halifax, now the celebrations move to New Brunswick. AIMS invites you to "The Celtic Tiger Dinner" with guest speaker Dr. Garret FitzGerald, the former Prime Minister of Ireland. Dr. FitzGerald's topic is *The Celtic Tiger: Ireland and its Lessons for Atlantic Canada*.

**[To learn more about The Celtic Tiger Dinner on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Delta Brunswick in Saint John, click here.](#)**

**[To read more about the Templeton Freedom Award for Institute Excellence, click here.](#)**

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**Part Two: From "basket case" to "leader of the pack", Celtic Tiger Dinner guest speaker has the answers to how Ireland did it.**

Dr. Garret FitzGerald has had careers in air transport, economic consultancy, university lecturing, journalism,

politics and business. In 1977, after the defeat of the Coalition Government, he was unanimously elected Leader of the Fine Gael Party and, in opposition for the following four years, pursued liberal policies. In 1981 he formed a Coalition Government whose vigorous attack on a huge fiscal deficit left by the preceding administration led after nine months to a temporary return to Opposition. However, following a third election within eighteen months, he secured a four-and-a-half year term in Government during which his Government halved the fiscal deficit, eliminated a very large external payments deficit, and reduced inflation from over 20% to 3%.

Since 1987, Dr. FitzGerald has lectured widely in the United States, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Germany, France, Spain, Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Kosova, Macedonia, Croatia, Russia and Kazakhstan, as well as in Britain and Northern Ireland.

**To learn more about the remarkable career of Dr. Garret FitzGerald, [click here.](#)**

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### **Part Three: Aims' book "The Road to Growth" among the first in Canada to examine the economic turnaround that earned Ireland the name "The Celtic Tiger".**

"Ireland and Atlantic Canada have had a common proclivity towards accumulating government debt. At one time, Ireland's debt reached 125% of our GDP, a debt of crisis proportions. It is now back down to about 60% of our GDP, thanks to the economic success described in Mr. McMahon's book." So writes John Burton, former Prime Minister of Ireland and former Finance Minister in his Foreword to AIMS' book *The Road to Growth* by Fred McMahon.

AIMS was one of the first in Canada to highlight the remarkable Irish economic turnaround and to tease out what lessons it provides for Canada. The book was considered such a must-read that AIMS received unsolicited funds to print and send a copy to every elected official in Canada!

"The Celtic Tiger Dinner" celebrating in New Brunswick AIMS' 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 5<sup>th</sup> international award provides an opportunity to hear the Celtic Tiger story first-hand, from a man who was there, a former Prime Minister of Ireland, Dr. Garret FitzGerald.

**To read more about *The Road to Growth*, [click here.](#)**

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### **Part Four: Be a part of "The Celtic Tiger Dinner".**

AIMS 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Nova Scotia was considered one of the premiere dinners of the year in that province. The November banquet, with guest speakers the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney and former US Senator and Secretary of Defense the Honorable William Cohen, attracted a sell-out crowd.

"The Celtic Tiger Dinner" in Saint John is a continuation of the celebrations, and promises to be an event to match or exceed the Halifax success.

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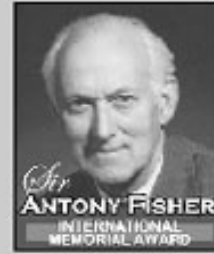
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**To read about the event last November, [click here.](#)**

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