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As the Irish member of AGN International we were delighted to host the AGN World Congress in Dublin during September 2016. Our Managing Partner Liam McQuaid (Chair of AGN) moderated the event with over 160 attendees, 65 firms from 40 countries (see below).

The highlights of the presentations included Barry O'Dowd from IDA concerning FDI in Ireland, and Google Director David Sneddon on Social Media. Also the delegates heard Kingsley Aikins on International Networking, who advised that networking involves *building trust, listening, being relationship driven not transaction driven, deal with positive people, interact with people outside your own sphere, do stuff, be open to new ideas, and be engaged outside your work.*

Niall Breslin (Bressie) gave a talk on Mental Fitness. His tips for Mental Fitness included *avoid toxic people, last thing at night be compassionate with yourself looking over your day, in the mornings count 30 positive things in your life, don't ever be judgemental and finally engage in mindfulness.*

Technical sessions were held on Accounting (cyber security, technology trends, BREXIT), Tax (BEPS, BREXIT), Business development (going international, referrals) and Firm Management.

Social activities for the delegates included a visit to Johnnie Fox's which was enjoyed by all and a Gala dinner at Royal Hospital Kilmainham. The event was a great success and we are already looking forward to next years' AGN World Congress which will be held in Bangkok (05/11/2017).



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