



**Minister Eamon Ryan TD**, was first elected to Dáil Éireann in 2002. Prior to his appointment as Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, he was the Green Party spokesperson for Transport and Enterprise, Trade and Employment and opposition convenor on the Joint Oireachtas Committee for Communication, Marine and Natural Resources. Before his election to the Dáil he set up and ran two businesses, Irish Cycling Safaris and Belfield Bike shop. He was an active member and chairman of the Dublin Cycling Campaign, and from 1995 to 2002 he served on the Advisory Committee of the Dublin Transport Office.



**Andrew Parish** is CEO of Wavebob Ltd, one of the leading ocean energy technology companies. Andrew has led the development and growth of this innovative company from a local Irish start-up to an internationally recognised organisation operating in three countries and partnered with some of the leading global energy and technology companies. He is also founding director of Tonn Energy, a wave energy development company currently developing a 250 MW wave farm off the west coast of Ireland. He was founding director of Applied Innovation Ireland, an applied research organisation focused on enabling small and medium companies to scale their business through technical and commercial innovation. He has provided consultancy services to both the public and private sectors in areas including innovation strategy, applied research, industrial competitiveness and energy and climate change policy.



**Dermot Byrne** was appointed Chief Executive of EirGrid in July 2005 and has extensive senior management experience in the electricity industry in Ireland and abroad. From 1993 to 1997 he was Manager of the Power System Operation in ESB National Grid. In 2000 he was appointed as the first Head of ESB Networks, where he oversaw the major ramp-up in investment in transmission and distribution infrastructure. In his role as Chief Executive of EirGrid, Dermot has developed EirGrid into a group structure with responsibilities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, comprising EirGrid TSO, System Operator Northern Ireland (SONI), and the Single Electricity Market Operator (SEMO). He is a Fellow of Engineers Ireland and he is also a distinguished member of the international electricity body CIGRE.



**Paul Dykes** is the manager of Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's Renewable Energy Information Office. Based in Clonakilty the SEAI REIO team has technical expertise in wind (small and large scale), micro generation, auto production, all forms of bioenergy and renewable energy in buildings. SEAI REIO provide independent information and advice and plays a leading role in transforming Ireland into a society based on sustainable energy structures, technologies and practices.



**Conor Buckley** is a serial entrepreneur with a passion for energy management. To date he has been the co-founder of [www.myguidetravel.ie](http://www.myguidetravel.ie); Slacht; and West Cork Tourism Co-operative. In 2008 Conor co-founded Longship which provides an outsourced energy management process to large companies who are unhappy with their current energy efficiencies. This year they project a saving of over €1 million and a reduction of almost 1,000 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup>. Conor was recently honoured as "Cork Person of the Year 2009" in recognition of his efforts to restore the ferry link between Cork and Swansea which will generate an estimated €50m each year for the economy.

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## Conference Programme 28th May 2010

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| <b>9.00 – 9.45</b> | Registration   |
| <b>9.45</b>        | Welcome and Introduction<br><i>Cllr. Kevin Murphy, Cathaoirleach, Southern &amp; Eastern Regional Assembly</i>                                   |
| <b>10.00</b>       | Keynote address and official opening of conference<br><i>Minister for Communications, Energy &amp; Natural Resources<br/>Mr. Eamon Ryan T.D.</i> |
| <b>10.15</b>       | Mr. Andrew Parish, CEO, Wavebob<br><i>"Can Ireland become a World Leader in Wave Energy"</i>   |
| <b>11.00</b>       | Mr. Dermot Byrne, CEO, EirGrid<br><i>"Grid 25 – an Enabler for Regional Development"</i>   |
| <b>11.45</b>       | Tea/Coffee Break   |
| <b>12.00</b>       | Mr. Paul Dykes, SEAI Renewable Energy Information Office<br>Manager<br><i>"Opportunities for bio-energy in the Southern and Eastern Region"</i>  |
| <b>12.30</b>       | Mr. Conor Buckley, CEO, Longship & Cork Swansea Ferries<br><i>"Energy Management – The low hanging fruit"</i>                                    |
| <b>13.00</b>       | Feedback and wrap-up discussion  |
| <b>13.30</b>       | Lunch  |