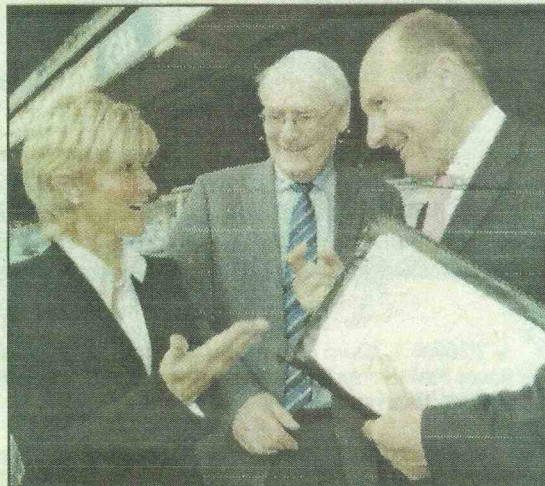


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### IPMFA conference

Pictured at the national conference of the Irish Property & Facility Management Association (IPFMA), which addressed the topic of multi-unit residential developments, in Dublin last week were Siobhan O'Dwyer of O'Dwyer Property Management, who chaired the conference; speaker Thomas Lynch, chief executive of the Property Services Regulatory Authority; and Tom Dunne, chairman of the IPFMA.

Other speakers included Patricia Ricard-Clarke of the Law Reform Commission, who outlined the key recommendations and objectives of the government's draft multi-unit development bill, and Ailbhe Rice of RiceJones Solicitors, who spoke about the complexities of the current legislation governing apartment blocks.

Hubert Fitzpatrick, director of the Construction Industry Federation's development, housing and planning services, outlined developers' responsibilities, while building surveyor Pat McGovern, managing director of McGovern Surveyors, told of snagging and construction defects commonly found in apartments and other multi-unit residences.