



GAIN™ - A Brief Intro

Presentation #0!

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GAIN – HOW WE WERE BORN AND GREW UP...



- GAIN founded in 2010 with only 5 members...
- Dream was that we all had similar problems, but could share different solutions!
- Sharing of best practice benefitted everyone!
- Went from strength to strength in biennial meetings

GAIN – GROWN UP!



- By 2018, the formula was well-proven
- Barcelona welcome attendees from all 6 continents...
- Next meeting was planned for 2020 in Argentina...

COVID LED TO VIDEO CONFERENCE CALLS!



- Since COVID began, we have had 22 video conference calls
- Each of approx 1.25 hours, typically 16-20 people attending, kindly hosted by AE-UEPG
- Specific topic each call combined with “friendly chat”, documented with notes within a few days
- Time zones dictate balance between early (5am in Alberta, Canada to 11pm in Wellington, New Zealand, but value in spanning the globe!

Topics covered included:

- COVID safe working protocols
- Challenging COVID lockdowns
- Best practice in river extraction
- Curtailing illegal sand extraction
- Production data and trends
- Recycling
- Sustainability Targets
- Skills Development/Training (IQ)
- Resource planning, permitting
- Supply Chain Challenges
- Water Management
- Air Quality Management

GAIN REPRESENTS 77% OF GLOBAL AGGREGATES!

Just to recap:

- GAIN™ is a voluntary liaison of aggregates associations around the world, with the vision of promoting a more sustainable aggregates industry globally
- Founded in 2010 with only 5 members, it now has 20 members on all 6 continents, representing 77% of global aggregates production of 40.5bnt
- It continues to grow in strength and ambition...
- See www.GAIN.ie.

