UPDATE REPORT ON
GIPS COUNCIL
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Committee Objectives
The objectives of the GIPS Council are as follows:

a) Ensure that all Country Sponsors’ views, issues, concerns, and ideas are provided equal opportunity for discussion and are represented to the EC;

b) Promote the implementation of the GIPS® standards on a global basis – preferably by Country Sponsors adopting the GIPS standards (in English), or an EC-endorsed Translation of the GIPS standards (TG);

c) Stimulate interest and support for the GIPS standards by communicating the benefits of the GIPS standards and encourage investment management firms to comply;

d) Support EC in the further development of the GIPS standards by providing meaningful input and seeking suitable nominees to participate in the work of the EC and its subcommittees;

e) Promote the establishment of an effective and consistent verification service throughout the regions; and

f) Communicate benefits of the GIPS standards and cooperate with regulators to broaden GIPS standards compliance to cover all aspects of the investment management industry globally.
Membership
Each Country Sponsor will appoint an appropriate representative from their investment community to serve on both the RIPS and GIPS Council who will be responsible for appropriately representing the interests of their constituent body in developing the GIPS standards initiatives and ensuring that matters are fully discussed at each constituent body well in advance so that the information flow between Country Sponsor, RIPS and GIPS Council is seamless. In addition GIPS Council chairman and the three RIPS chairmen have a seat and a vote.

Review of Status: October 2006 – February 2007

Country sponsor agreement status
Currently the GIPS Council consists of 26 country sponsors of which 11 have signed the new Country Sponsor Agreement. Two applications are pending (Korea and Ukraine).

Intellectual Property Working Group
The Intellectual Property Working Group has finalized the new Country Sponsor Agreement and the Adoption Guidelines. They have been sent to all country sponsors and will be approved at the Cape Town meeting. I thank the members of the IPWG for their exemplary work.

Telephone conference calls
No Telephone conference calls were scheduled.

New country sponsors
All three RIPS are actively contacting new country sponsors (For details please see RIPS update reports). Two applications are pending (Korea and Ukraine).

Voting procedure of EC: Increase quorum to 75 %
Proposal was brought to EC for approval. This approval is a precondition for the GIPS Council to approve the GIPC Council OPP and the EC OPP. Following EC approval of the 75 % quorum requirement and comment period of 3 month, the EC will ask the CFA Institute Board of Governors to amend the EC constitution.

Operating Policies and Procedures of the GIPS Council and the GIPS RIPS
The EC has finalized the OPPs after having received a last series of country sponsors comments. Once the GIPS Council has agreed to the OPPs of the GIPS Council and the RIPS the EC will approve them.
Next Steps

GIPS Council Terms of Reference draft
According to the EC constitution every subcommittee has to have a TOR. The TOR for the GIPS Council has been drafted and will be distributed to country sponsors for their review and comment.

GIPS EC Nominations Committee
The GIPS EC will finalize the Nominations Committee Terms of Reference, the Nominations policy and succession planning for EC at the March South Africa meetings and begin to prepare the election process for 2008. Before the September in-person meeting of the GIPS Council the country sponsors can nominate for the one seat which is allotted in the GIPS EC Nominations Committee for Country Sponsors. The election will take place before the meeting and be confirmed at the meeting.

Next Meeting
In-person meeting in Tokyo in September (exact dates to be confirmed)