

# The IPESCer

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## Welcome to the iPESCer!



Welcome to the first edition of *The IPESCer*, our new monthly newsletter. IPESC officers and members have been talking about this for a while now, and it has finally come alive!

This first issue brings you news of our last full physical meeting, held in Brighton last November, and previews the work that lies ahead.

To help us to define the style and scope of *The IPESCer*, we would like you to tell us what you want to read here. Why not send us your content to be published in future issues? We want IPESC members to contribute, and we want to use this newsletter to help propagate the IPESC mission and work worldwide, throughout the itSMF community.

*The IPESCer* offers a great platform for encouraging new chapters to start their own local PESC, enriching local markets with new

books, new translations, new discussion groups, and all the other things that IPESC has been providing for a number of years.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter. If so, please let us know. If you don't, tell us how to improve it. And tell us how you see *The IPESCer* being used – will it be appropriate for IPESC reps to pass this on to their local members? Should we encourage its translation into local languages?

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## IPESC Terms of Reference

The IPESC-agreed version of the ToR was finalised at a full telemeeting held on February 20<sup>th</sup> 2008. This version (ToR-2008-V4-2.doc) was forwarded to the itSMFI Publications Director, Paul Martini, who is preparing it for submission to the itSMFI Board.

To read the full ToR document, go to:  
<http://www.itsmfi-forum.org/forum6/285.html>.

## Workgroups in Brighton

The Brighton Full IPESC meeting offered a wonderful opportunity for IPESC members to work together on the ToR content. We were divided into four workgroups, discussing the following topics: ToR (core document), Membership, Publication Policies and Ethics. Below we present the status of the last three topics.

**Membership:** the document covering membership was posted on the portal and was commented on by IPESC Chair, Ivor Macfarlane. It must be reviewed and agreed in order to be submitted to the itSMFI Board as one of the supporting documents of the ToR. The document containing Ivor's comments is posted and can be accessed at <http://www.itsmfi-forum.org/forum6/381.html>.

**Ethics:** the document focusing on ethics and obligations will be supplied by itSMFI, since IPESC is a sub-committee and must follow itSMFI guidelines in this area.

**Publication Policies:** the document will be discussed and agreed by a workgroup at the next IPESC full meeting. The document produced at the Brighton meeting is posted on the portal and can be accessed at <http://www.itsmfi-forum.org/forum6/384.html>.

## IPESC Full Meeting in Paris

The next full IPESC physical meeting will be held in Paris, France on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Mercure Terminus Nord Hotel –

[http://www.mercure.com/mercure/fichehotel/gb/mer/2761/fiche\\_hotel.shtml](http://www.mercure.com/mercure/fichehotel/gb/mer/2761/fiche_hotel.shtml)

We are still working on the final agenda, which will include groups working on topics related to endorsement, editorial, communications and translations policies and procedures. Complete information on the meeting and a call for volunteers is posted on the portal.



We want to thank itSMF France for their considerable support on setting up the meeting, helping us with the facilities and arranging and funding the dinner for us all on the night of the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## IPESC endorsed!

At the Officers' Meeting, held on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Norwich, UK, we discussed the new logo to be used for IPESC endorsed publications, so that they can be differentiated from the itSMFI-branded publications which bear the itSMFI logo. We agreed with a concept that will be worked on by the marketing team and we shall be presenting it at the Paris meeting. We suggested working with two versions of the logo, one for IPESC and one to be used by local chapters once we have agreed on definitions and procedures for LPESCs (local PESCs).

# Delivering Web content

We are looking at ways to provide more IPESC content and deliverables through the itSMF International website. We want to be sure that this information gets to a broader audience worldwide, and encourages approved chapters and emerging ones to work more closely with IPESC and LPESCs.

Future information to be published will include list of chapters that are represented at IPESC, a list of endorsed publications, a list of publications waiting for endorsement, procedures for submitting a RfE (Request for Endorsement), a link to the newsletters, and links to bookstores.

Please send your comments on the content as it appears. We want to provide information that is relevant to the whole community, communicated via the IPESC representatives.

## Poll of the month

One of the tools that IPESC has at its disposal is telemeetings. So this month's Quick Poll questions is:

*What is your opinion on the effectiveness of the full telemeetings and how can they be improved?*

Please e-mail your opinion to [ipesc-comms@itsmfi.org](mailto:ipesc-comms@itsmfi.org) with "Poll of the Month – 0806" in the title line.