

General news

FIX information security sub-committee requesting new members

December 2, 2003 FPL is seeking industry participants for the FIX information security sub-committee. Some of the goals of this subcommittee include but are not limited to: authoring white papers on implementation of SSL and/or TLS libraries inside FIX engines and researching encryption/authentication capabilities of FIX engines and cryptography libraries. Ryan Pierce of Townsend Analytics is currently the chair of this group. This is a sub-committee under the Global Technical Committee, so any FPL member firm may designate one or more participants in this subcommittee. If you are interested in participating please contact the FPL program office at fpl@fixprotocol.org.

Waters publication names FIX 4.4 "Most Promising Technology"

In its 2003 Waters Editorial Awards, Waters recognised FIX Version 4.4 as the "Most Promising Technology" in the financial-information-technology arena. Editors cited its expanded support for fixed income and derivatives in announcing the award in the magazine's December edition.

John Goeller of Lehman Brothers elected as co-chair of FIX Americas regional committee

December 22, 2003 FPL has announced that John Goeller of Lehman Brothers has been elected to the Co-Chair position of the Americas Regional Committee. He succeeds Michael O'Connor of Merrill Lynch, who has served in this post for the past 2-1/2 years. Mr. O'Connor will remain the chairman of the Global Steering Committee.

Formation of FIX foreign exchange working group

December 6, 2003 A new group has been formed to focus on and increase the use of FIX to support Foreign Exchange (F/X) trading. Documentation on the use of the FIX protocol for F/X trading needs to be expanded and improved. Scott Atwell of American Century was the founding chair of this working group. If you are interested in participating please contact the FPL program office at fpl@fixprotocol.org.

Efforts continue to move forward with FPL's certification program

In December, the Certification Working Group, operating under the direction of the Global Fixed Income Committee, presented its recommendations to the Global Steering Committee (GSC) for the program. The recommendations included overall program structure with an initial focus on fixed income message flows in support of FIX 4.4 well as session layer message flows supporting FIX 4.0 through 4.4. The working group also presented recommendations on vendors who responded to the FPL's recent RFP. The group will now focus efforts on developing fixed income test scripts that will be used as benchmark tools for the certification program. Pending final approval of the GSC, announcement of selected vendors of choice will be made public along with overall details of the certification program.

FPL releases FIXML schema for FIX 4.4

The release of the FIXML Schema for the FIX 4.4 is available for use and can be obtained from the Specification section on the FIX website. This is seen as a next step in the evolution of the use of XML for financial markets messaging. A result of this initiative is the formation of the FIX - FpML Collaboration Working Group, which is led by Jim Northey representing FPL and Robert Stowsky representing ISDA FpML. This purpose of this group is to advance interoperability between FIX, FIXML, and FpML.

Barry Marshall of Gartmore Investment Management elected as FIX Europe co-chair

January 13, 2004 FPL has announced that Barry Marshall of Gartmore Investment Management has been elected to the co-chair position of the Europe regional committee. Mr Marshall will serve in this role until June 2005. He will work with the other co-chair Maria Domnick of Credit Suisse First Boston.

Asia Pac electronic trading seminar, March 2004

The Asia Pac Education and Marketing sub-committee is organising a half-day electronic trading seminar on 25th March, 2004 in Hong Kong. Please visit www.fixglobal.com for more details and to register for this seminar.