IADISC Report to the ISIS Board of Trustees
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April - August 2006 was a somewhat quieter period for IADISC members than previous periods. The past few months have represented a stage of the project where the main task for IADISC members included finishing up the development and review of data standards.

During the past five months, IADISC has been supporting the ZIMS Project and ISIS in the following ways:

- Continuing data standards development and review. Almost all of the identified data standards have been drafted and reviewed. Most of these have undergone a community voting and acceptance process, and a few remain under discussion at the moment.
- Several IADISC members have participated in internet-based teleconferences to provide additional feedback to CGI on previous reviews of the early builds of ZIMS. These sessions have given CGI a clearer picture of some of our concerns, with a number of them being elevated to the Oversight Committee for further discussion.
- IADISC members continue to manage the ZIMS Discussion Forum, a web-based discussion forum. This has been a very successful tool for SMEs' electronic involvement in data standards and reports work, and use case feedback. The discussion forum currently has 441 members, with some 5785 articles posted.

The delay in the project timeline provides some much-needed catch-up time for us. During this time, IADISC members will be involved in completion of the remaining data standards, and have an opportunity to further review some of the standards that require additional work. All of the data standards that have been accepted during the voting process now need to be ratified by IADISC. Since many of the IADISC members have participated in the development and review of the standards, many of them will be familiar, and should not require a great deal of further review.

Other aspects of the project that require input from IADISC members include participation at two construction walkthrough meetings in September and October respectively. A participants list has been compiled and invitations have been sent out for the first of these meetings, and we are currently compiling the participants list for the second meeting.

Subject Matter Experts will also be heavily involved in the up-coming User Acceptance Testing process, scheduled to take place between mid-November and January. This will involve participation at four-day workshop in November, followed by a commitment to spend approximately 15 hours each, foe each week of the testing period. During this time, any problems that are found during the testing process will be reported to CGI for resolution and re-testing.

IADISC members will continue to work very hard to ensure that we have the broadest possible regional representation and that adequate SMEs are involved in the process to ensure the successful delivery of ZIMS.

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