Improving IT Practitioner Skills
An IFIP Workshop

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Importance of skilled IT workforce

- Skilled IT workforces are essential to implementing knowledge economies
- Many countries are expanding their IT workforces
- Many IFIP Member Societies are helping build these workforces

Background

An IFIP objective is to promote IT professionalism

IFIP Executive Board believes that a global profession needs global "standards" of performance when delivering IT systems to the world

IFIP EB is keen to encourage Member Societies, individually and collectively, to develop and expand programmes to raise skill levels amongst IT professionals

Role of Workshop

Share current best practice in building high quality IT workforces

Discuss different approaches and programmes worldwide

Identify good practice

Seek opportunities to share existing "products" and collaborate on future actions

Help formulate future IFIP activity in this area

Morning Programme

10.30   **Roger Johnson, IFIP Honorary Secretary** – *Welcome and Introductions*

10.40   **Rodrigo Santos, Secretary General, CLEI (Latin America)** – *Information and Communication Technologies in Latin America*

11.10   **Geoff McMullen, President, CEPIS (Europe)** - *CEPIS – Professionalism*

11.40   **Charles Hughes, President, BCS (UK)** - *Creating a 21st Century*

12.10   **Chris Avram, Vice President, ACS (Australia)** *- The Australian Perspective*

12.40   **Questions & Panel Discussion**

13.00   **Lunch**

Afternoon Programme

Chair   **Klaus Brunnstein, IFIP President**

14.00   **Gerry Engel, Past President, IEEE-CS (USA)** – *IT Opportunities from the IEEE Computer Society*

14.30   **Dong Yoon Kim, President, KISS (Korea)** - *IT Certificate and Test Programs in Korea*

15.00   **Joe Turner, IFIP Representative, ACM (USA)** - *Supporting IT Practitioners*

15.30   **Refreshments**

15.45   **Barrie Thompson, Chair, IFIP WG 3.4** – *IFIP WG 3.4, Professional Standards, and Best Practices*

16.15   **Questions, Panel Discussion and Future Actions**