

OTHER ACTIVITIES, PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS & MEDIA COVERAGE, 2nd Half 2006

Other Activities

International Centre for Pension Management

USS joined and participated in two International Centre for Pension Management meetings. The ICPM, led by Keith Ambachtsheer, is a collaborative forum for large pension funds, with members from around the world. Membership of ICPM permits the fund to meet with like minded pension funds to address issues of importance to global pensions. This networking (both amongst the research partners and those that attend the bi-annual colloquia that the Centre runs), is useful in meeting new potential collaborative partners and sharing best practice and experience. Current members include:

- New Zealand Superannuation
- Fund Canada Pension Plan Investment Board
- ABP Investments
- Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan
- Pensionfonds PGGM
- Washington State Investment Board
- Norges Bank

Presentations

- 7 June 2006 Toronto: Participated in a presentation to US and Canadian pension fund trustees (largely drawn from a Union Background). This was organised by SHARE.
- 8-9 June 2006: Presented on the implications of climate change for pension funds at the Environmental Finance conference.
- Summer 2006: Liaison with PGGM to brief the CIO and head of strategy on RI issues and activities including Pharma Futures, EAI and the IIGCC.
- 28-29 June 2006: Presented on climate change as an investor issues at the Asset Allocation Summit, London.
- July 2006: Spoke at the International Corporate Governance Network conference on the challenges of applying a global approach towards Responsible Investment.
- 26-27 September 2006: Participated in a Marcus Evans pension summit in Brighton, focusing on why Responsible Investment is an important issue for pension funds from a fiduciary not an ethical perspective.
- September 2006: Participated in a conference on class action law suits and corporate governance.
- October 2006: Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change in Paris.

- October 2006: Participated in a workshop with other investors and Pharmaceutical company executives to explore the challenges facing the pharma sector as part of Pharma Futures II.

Marathon Club

USS continues to play an active role in the Marathon Club. USS has responded to the consultation paper on long term long only mandates, and on the first draft of the Marathon Club Guidance on long term investing. USS attended a Marathon Club meeting with Al Gore on long term investing and the inclusion of extra financial issues in investment decision making. The fund (through the Internal Audit) is participating in the development of guidelines for evaluating fund management performance in active corporate governance.

Awards

Farsight Award

The Farsight Award is a joint project between USS, Gresham College and Z/Yen Ltd. The award recognises and rewards the best individual piece of extra financial research (as opposed to EAI which rewards the research firms involved). EAI members identified a number of reports, which they thought exemplified good extra financial research. A judging panel of professionals from across the financial services sector evaluated the reports against a set of criteria to identify the best. The judging panel included:

- Alice Chapple, Director of Sustainable Financial Markets of Forum for the Future;
- Dr Andrew Hilton OBE, Director of Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation;
- Jan-Peter Onstwedder, Global Head of Risk Management of BP plc;
- Professor Avinash Persaud, Chairman of Intelligence Capital Limited;
- Tessa Tennant, Chair of the Association for Sustainable and Responsible Investment in Asia;
- Professor Joshua Ronen of the Stern School of Business, New York University;
- Jack Wigglesworth, Director of Gresham College and ex-Chairman of LIFFE;
- Professor Michael Mainelli, Executive Chairman of Z/Yen Limited, who also chaired the panel of judges.

The Farsight Award went to Citigroup analysts Heath Jansen, Mike Tyrrell, and Alan Heap from work on the mining sector. For more information please see: <http://www.gresham.ac.uk/uploads/The%20Farsight%20Award.pdf>

Gresham Prize

The CEO of USS also picked up the Gresham Prize, which was awarded to the Enhanced Analytics Initiative in 2005.

Media Coverage

USS

- Investments & Pensions Europe; *Big European funds back UN investment principles* – June 2006.
- Wall Street Journal; *European shareholder activists reach across borders to US* (quotes RI Team) - 12 June 2006.
- Funds Europe; *Companies queue up to sign the UN's SRI pledge* – June 2006.
- Financial Times; *Elemental lessons in facing change* (quotes RI Team) – 31 July 2006.
- The Observer; *Where should I invest my savings?* – 23 July 2006.
- Investments & Pensions Europe; *Breaking down the barriers* (quotes & pictures RI Team) – July/August 2006.
- Bobsguide.com; *Citigroup's long term investment research report wins 2006/7 Farsight Award* – 22 September 2006.
- Global Pensions; *Analysing the impact of class action law* (quotes and pictures RI Team) – October 2006
- Investment and Pensions Europe; *European SRI tops 1 trillion euros* – October 2006.
- BFinance; *Pension money in alternative energy heats up* (quotes RI Team) – 16 October 2006.
- Financial Times; *Investors 'lack basic rights' on US boards* (quotes Peter Moon) – 27 October 2006.
- The Guardian; *The good the bad and the secretive* (highlights USS topping disclosure poll and quotes RI Team) – 25 November 2006.
- FT; Finance: *There is more to profit than the bottom line* (quotes RI Team) – 9 October 2006.
- Investments & Pensions Europe; *Big UK schemes in climate change plea* - November 2006.
- Ethical Corporation; *In the public interest* (quotes RI Team) – November 2006.
- Pensions News; *Addressing climate change is in pension funds' long-term interest* (quotes RI Team) – 1 November 2006.
- Earth Times; *Have Governance reforms spurred on by Parmalat's collapse given investors a false sense of security* – 14 November 2006.
- Global Pensions; *UK funds lax on SRI* – 27 November 2006.
- New York Times; *Compensation experts offer ways to help curb executive salaries* (quotes RI Team) – 30 December 2006.

Enhanced Analytics Initiative

- Funds Europe; *Combining weight* – June 2006.
- Pensions & Investments Online; *Canadians see merit in responsible investing* – 12 June 2006.
- Global Pensions; *Research houses improve integration of extra-financial issues* – 15 June 2006.
- Het Financieele Dagblad; *'Beleggers zien niveau beursresearch stijgen* – 15 June 2006.
- Financial Review; *Funds find it pays to pay for research* (quotes RI Team) – 22 June 2006.
- Governance Metrics International; *USS considers new analytics for new generation* – 12 June 2006.
- Financial Times; *Make the most of the critical mass in SRI* – 3 July 2006.

- Finance- magazine.com; *Governance transparency and accountability in investment funds* – 4 July 2006.
- FT.Com Ask the Expert: Business Ethics – 21 August 2006.
- Portfolio Insitutionell; *Enhanced Analytics Initiative loscht die White Spots der Aktienanalyse* – September 2006.
- Reuters; *Investor lobbying and analysis group joins forces* – 6 September 2006.
- Global Pensions; *EAI expands in US as Ceres joins* – 7 September 2006.
- Financial Times; *Australian pension fund joins the EAI* – 2 October 2006.
- BFinance; *Forecasting hurricanes? EAI to the rescue* – 16 October 2006.
- Global Pensions; *GO joins EAI* – 25 October 2006.
- Global Pensions; *EAI Assets reach 1.1 trillion euros (quotes & pictures Peter Moon)* – 2 November 2006.
- Funds Europe; *Green Light for Growth* – 6 November 2006.
- Professional Pensions; *Robeco joins EIA* – 11 December 2006.
- Global Pensions; *CalSTRS to join EAI* – 13 December 2006.

Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change

- Financial Times; *Investors are taking the lead to help save the planet* – 4 October 2006.
- Professional Pensions; *Ten asset managers sign investor statement on climate change* – 4 October 2006.
- Environmental Finance; *Institutional investors pledge action on climate change* – 5 October 2006.
- Global Proxy Watch; *Cash Climate* – 6 October 2006.
- Guardian; *Investors make rare appeal for a clear policy on emissions* – 6 October 2006.
- Investor Services Journal; *The green Dream* – November 2006.
- EPN; *Climate Change Survey* – 6 November 2006.