CIPS VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Cheryl Lundrigan, B Sc., I.S.P., ITCP, PMP
CIPS NL Past-President and current Vice-President

What type of involvement have you had with CIPS?

"It was in the early ’90s that I first heard of CIPS. It took me a long time to figure out it was not pronounced sips but was with a "K". Of course then I called it chips for awhile, but eventually I got it right. Each year a notice would go around to the engineering companies looking for women who were in the IT field to speak at an annual CIPS’ sponsored Women in IT (WIT) conference. Back then, few women were in IT and so this program was timely and beneficial.

Fast forward 20 years and I am the Past-President of CIPS NL, have been on the CIPS NL Board of Directors since 2008, and on the WIT Committee looking for more women to speak at the conference. During my year as President, we expanded the WIT Conference outside St. John's and held a satellite conference in Corner Brook. Next year we are hoping to go north and bring it into Labrador. The local CIPS chapter also represents Nunavut, although we are not sure if we'll make it that far but it is on the radar. The conference is still aimed at Grade Nine girls to expand their knowledge of what IT is about and encourage them to consider a career path in Information Technology. The
significance now though is that IT is everywhere, and in every field making it much more attainable."

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Blog: CIPS Chair Update (Aug 27th)

Greetings,

Just wanted to get something in front of the CIPS membership to touch base about starting regular updates on this blog for CIPS National we all could participate in. Of course the mandate is --positive messages and information on upbeat events and opportunities we could provide to the membership on a regular basis. We certainly have a lot going on around the Financial Planning and Strategic Projects.

This week the Financial Sustainability committee will present a report to the CIPS National Board along with a new budget for the upcoming term. It outlines some of the great projects underway to potentially develop new services CIPS can offer the IT industry. Also CIPS hopes to develop improved project management and costing processes to ensure continued successes on service delivery. Also at the National level we are always looking for more volunteers and some of the positions to be filled are the Chair of the Finance Committee and a National Board of Directors position. If anyone is interested in either role please send an email to info@cips.ca or brenda@cips.ca.

Sincerely,

Brenda Byers, I.S.P., ITCP
Chair, CIPS National Board

http://www.cips.ca/blog

Nominations for the position of National Director on the CIPS National Board are now being accepted
Nominations for the position of National Director on the National Board are now being accepted. Nominees will be considered by the National Board at their September 27, 2012 conference call. In the event that more than one nomination is received an election will be held with those members of the National Board present on the call eligible to vote. Nominees should be either a CIPS Fellow or a Regular CIPS member in good standing. While not a requirement, from a conflict of interest perspective it is preferred that the nominee is not currently serving on a Provincial Society Board.

All nominations should be submitted to M. J. Kucerak mailto: mj@cips.ca by Thursday September 20, 2012 and be accompanied by a short biography and statement from the nominee outlining why they wish to serve on the National Board. (no more than one page for both items).

CIPS Accréditation Councils Accredit Programs Across Canada

The CIPS Accreditation Councils had a busy year, with the review and successful accreditations of almost 30 programs. The Councils met over the summer to review the accreditation teams reports and rendered the following decisions.

The CIPS Computer Science Accreditation Council (CSAC) accredited the following programs:

CSAC Computer Science Criteria

University of Ottawa
Honours BSc with Specialization in Computer Science

University of PEI
Major in Computer Science (MAJOR)
Honours Major in Computer Science (HONOURS)
Major in Computer Science with a Video Game Programming Specialization (VGPS)

Ryerson University
Computer Science
Computer Science Co-op

University of Calgary
BSc in Computer Science
Honours BSc in Computer Science

CIPS hosts Japanese Ministry Delegate
On August 21, CIPS hosted a delegate from the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), which manages the Information Technology Engineers Examination (ITEE). Professor Takashi Sugino (Kokushikan University) visited CIPS to learn more about our professionalism program, in particular the I.S.P. and ITCP certifications.

There are approximately 1 million IT/IS workers in Japan's industry and the ITEE are skills recognition exams taken by over 500,000 workers each year. They are vendor neutral and are not a license to practice, but provide a level of assurance to organizations that IT/IS practitioners have met the minimum national standard. The exams are available currently at the entry and early career level and METI is exploring the development of a mid career exam (similar to the CIPS ITCP). In addition to the development of exams, METI is also exploring the development of a professional model; akin to the one offered by CIPS and our sister organizations the British and Australian Computer Society. The intent for METI is to adopt the Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA), which will be used as the foundation to measure skills, knowledge and competence. Further consultations with CIPS will take place as the MITE professional model infrastructure matures. For more information please contact Gina van Dalen at gina@cips.ca

Save the Date for WCIT 2012

World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT 2012)
Montreal, Canada - October 22-24, 2012

CIPS Members Receive a Discounted Rate!
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https://events.jpdl.com/ei/getdemo.ei?id=125&s=4J811JNFX
Price of $1,150. Available until Sept. 30

WCIT 2012 unveiled its program and guess who is coming?

Larry King, Wim Elfrink, Bernard Charlès, Tom Jenkins, Robert Youngjohns, Kim Stevenson, and Dr. Eric Brown are among the keynotes of the WCIT 2012 Congress hosted by Don Tapscott.

Under the theme "ONE Vision for a Global Digital Society", world-renowned speakers will shed light on how ICT is set to transform virtually every component of society and create new business opportunities - from collaborative healthcare, education, and smart cities to national competitiveness. Panelists include: Andrew P. McAfee - Researcher, MIT Sloan School of Management, Jonathan Zittrain - Co-founder of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Richard C. Alvarez - President and CEO, Canada Health Infoway, Robin Chase - Founder and CEO, Zipcar and GoLoco, Christian Paradis - Minister of Industry (Canada), to name but a few. Larry King will moderate keynote roundtable entitled "The Digital Era and the Impact on our Society". Mr. King's special guests will be announced shortly!

Mark your calendar for this 18th edition! The WCIT 2012 will be held from October 22 to 24, 2012, in Montreal, Canada.

3rd Annual Privacy, Access and Security Congress
CIPS members receive a discount of 10% off the registration price - use the code is "saveten".

Ottawa will welcome over 400 global leaders, security, access and privacy experts this October to the 3rd Annual Privacy, Access and Security Congress. The Treasury Board Secretariat has been active in building the agenda for this event, which showcases world-class subject matter experts and will address the most cutting-edge issues in cyber security, open government, data breaches, and more. Every year this this Congress unleashes practical solutions and strategies, driving innovation and educational value to the public and private sectors across Canada.

Participants will engage in keynote and panel sessions that provide insights and tools to avoid pitfalls and turn rapid innovation into a competitive advantage. The Congress facilitates unrivaled opportunities to network with international experts driving solutions to the most pressing issues in security, privacy and information access in the world.

On-line registration is open. Click HERE to access your early bird delegate rate!

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Cloud - Beyond Buzzwords & A Getaway to Mexico*

via Microsoft TechNet

Cloud, it's a term that has become one of those marketing buzz words that gets applied to pretty much everything these days. It's kind of like what happened with HD (high definition) a couple of years ago, it ended up getting slapped on so many things that it almost lost its meaning.

The difference between what happened to HD and what is happening to Cloud is that while people get the concept at a high level, the details are not as clear. A great example of this is the path from Virtualization to Private Cloud.

To that end, we've pulled together the Microsoft Private Cloud story, complete with resources for each step along the way that will help you cement your role as a credible technical expert in your organization. We've even added some content to help keep you entertained.

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Featured I.T. Job Postings

Systems Analyst (Temporary), St, Albert, Alberta
Business Solutions Specialist/Solutions Architect, Regina, Saskatchewan
Intermediate Business Analyst, Calgary, Alberta
Director, Business Process and Applications, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
I.T. Business Analysts (2 positions), St. Albert, Alberta
SharePoint Specialist, Lacombe, Alberta
Program Manager 3, Lacombe, Alberta
Lead, Network and Communications, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Functional Analyst, Edmonton, Alberta
Business Solutions Specialist/Solutions Architect, Regina, Saskatchewan
Problem Solver Programmer, North Bay, Ontario
Laboratory Instructor, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Manager, Water Knowledge Information Systems, Edmonton, Alberta
Business Analyst, SAP Project Systems/Project Server, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Senior Vice President, Sales, British Columbia

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Podcast Interviews
by Stephen Ibaraki FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP

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New:
Bob Treadway, Internationally Recognized Top Futurist and Strategy Advisor, Keynote 2012 ISACA World Congress

Dr. Maria Klawe: Pioneering World-Renowned Computer Scientist and Executive Leader, shares her past to current career years - Part 1

Jerry Luftman Founding Managing Director Global Institute for IT Management, Internationally Acclaimed Leader in Strategic Management

CIPS National Corporate Partners (New!)

The following organizations have demonstrated their commitment to professionalism, ethics, and high standards for the IT profession through their support of CIPS. CIPS thanks all its partners for their contribution. Become a CIPS Corporate Partner Today! - Send an email to jelias@cips.ca

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