CIPS submits position on "Improving Canada's Digital Advantage"

On July 13 2010, CIPS submitted its position on "Improving Canada's Digital Advantage: Strategies for Sustainable Prosperity". This is response to the Government of Canada's Consultation Paper on a Digital Economy Strategy for Canada. Click Here to Read CIPS' Submission

Call for Nominations: CIPS Awards of Achievement/ CIPS Fellows

The CIPS National Awards of Achievement is an opportunity for CIPS to show its sincere gratitude to those deserving individuals whose accomplishments warrant acknowledgement and praise. It is through these accomplishments that the IT industry continues to flourish successfully at a rapid pace.

Awards of Achievement Nomination Form
(Nominations for the 2010 CIPS Achievement Awards are due September 3, 2010)

http://www.cips.ca/awards

"CIPS Fellows" Nominations are also due September 3rd. The Fellow is the highest class of membership offered by CIPS and can only be obtained with approval from the CIPS National Board of Directors.

CIPS Fellow 2010 nominations Form

http://www.cips.ca/fellows
CIPS Victoria Awards
The following awards were sponsored by the CIPS Victoria Section. Congratulations to all Award Winners!

Funds for these awards have come from donations from CIPS Victoria members and proceeds from the CIPS Victoria golf tournament.

Award Description: CIPS Bursary
Awarded to a full-time student enrolled in the field of computer technology who has achieved excellent grades.

Award Description: CIPS Community Involvement Award
Awarded to a full-time Computer Systems Technology student enrolled in their second year of study who has demonstrated significant involvement and activity in the local information technology (IT) community and has maintained a high level of academic achievement.

CIRA looking for CDRP Feedback
The Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) is conducting a consultation on the CIRA
Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (CDRP). This policy, launched in 2002, is a forum which is intended to provide quick, out-of-court arbitrations at relatively low cost for .CA domain names registered in bad faith. The overall purpose of this consultation is to obtain feedback from interested parties on the effectiveness of the CDRP, and to determine whether this Policy continues to meet the needs of its stakeholders. To this end, CIRA has engaged the services of The Strategic Counsel, a national public opinion and marketing research firm, to manage the open consultation process.

CIRA would appreciate your participation in this consultation. The consultation consists of specific questions in areas which CIRA believes input is important, although you are free to submit additional comments on any areas that you wish relating to the CDRP.

You can access the consultation at http://survey.openvenue.com/CIRA_CDRPConsultation

"Canada's Champions of Change" - Looking for Canada's Top Volunteers

CBC and Outpost Magazine have launched a six-month search for the Top Canadian volunteers, Canada's Champions of Change. And, they have named the entrepreneur, speaker and humanitarian, Frank O'Dea, as the Chair of the panel of judges who will select the finalists for this Canada-wide, people's choice award.  

Do you know someone who volunteers? Perhaps it is someone who collects door to door for charities; works in a soup kitchen; digs wells in Africa or pushes wheel chairs at the local hospital? Here is your chance to give him or her some well deserved recognition. Go to the CBC website <Champions> and fill out a nomination form, then get your colleagues and friends to do the same.

Because of its grass-roots nature and people's choice aspect, this is likely to go viral as whole organizations get behind their own "champions". This has the potential to be very big.

http://www.cbc.ca/change/

ComputerWorld IT Leadership Awards - Call for Nominations

Call for nominations: We are open for submissions from those interested in any of our seven categories. Please help us encourage the best and the brightest to enter by spreading the word through any professional networks, social media or other vehicles of communication you think appropriate. All nomination forms can be found at http://www.itleadershipawards.com

SC Congress Canada

Attend SC Congress Canada, November 16-17, 2010 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and get essential solutions that every IT professional needs to counter current and future threats. Find products and services to help protect your organization from hackers, disgruntled employees and other security risks.

CIPS members received a special discount on the two-day conference pass. Use priority code CIPS and pay only $526 (up to $400 published rates) for access to all conference sessions, keynotes, lunches, and exhibits. Visit www.sccongresscanada.com for more information. CLICK HERE to register now.
SecTor - Security Education Conference Toronto

October 25 - 27, 2010, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Illuminating the Black Art of Security. SecTor brings the world's brightest (and darkest) minds together to identify, discuss, dissect and debate the latest digital threats facing corporations today. For Security Professionals and Management, SecTor is a must attend event. Held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in downtown Toronto, the SecTor conference runs two full days, October 26th and 27th, with training available on Monday the 25th.

As a proud Industry sponsor of SecTor 2010, we are happy to pass on savings of 10% to our members! Simply use discount code 'IND-CIPS-2010' at registration and the discount will be automatically applied.

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Wolrd Computer Congress 2010

You are invited to attend WCC2010 - the 21st IFIP World Computer Congress hosted by the Australian Computer Society. 20-23 September 2010, Brisbane, Australia. See http://www.wcc2010.com/

To register go to: www.wcc2010.com/content/registration

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Barb Anderson Intuit's Group Manager, talks about small business needs
Barb Anderson is Intuit's Group Sales and Marketing Manager, Global Small Business. In this role, Barb is responsible for developing strategic marketing plans and delivering customer-focused communication to support Intuit's portfolio of small business products and services, including QuickBooks®, the QuickBooks ProAdvisor Program and QuickTax Business Software. Intuit has been the top software company on Fortune's list of "America's Most Admired Companies" for four consecutive years.
Kelly Knister, VP Skills Canada BC, Director CEA, Careers Coordinator talks about needed partnerships, apprenticeships, skills, transition and educational relevance

Kelly Knister (MA, BEd., Diploma of Technology, TQs Welding) is the Coordinator for the South Island Partnership. The South Island Partnership is a partnership between five South Vancouver Island School Districts: 61 Victoria, 62 Sooke, 63 Saanich, 64 Gulf Islands and 79 Cowichan Valley and Camosun College. She works on behalf of the partnership to support the goal of smooth transition of secondary school students to post secondary education and/or the workplace. The goal of the South Island Partnership is to expand program and course offerings into the technology sector. Kelly Knister began her career as a journeyman welder and worked in all types of environments and learned a great deal about working with people and problem solving. She completed a Diploma of Technology at BCIT and the Bachelor of Education at UBC. She became one of seven female technology education teachers in the province of BC at that time. Kelly began an informal apprenticeship with government as a Coordinator with the BC Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Advanced Education. She later transitioned into the South Island Partnership Coordinator role and has been building programs and relationships ever since.

Richard LaBerge, Executive VP, CMO, talks about 3-D technology

Mr. Richard LaBerge is Vice-President and Chief Commercial Officer at SENSIO®. SENSIO® develops and markets Stereoscopic 3D digital compression, decompression and display formatting technologies. Richard is in charge of the company’s commercial development. He has more than 15 years of experience in the banking industry. At Mouvement Desjardins, he was a Consultant in Marketing Strategy helping develop financing tools adapted to technology companies. He was also Executive VP of SAJE, a Montreal-based non-profit incubation group. He began his career as a computer programmer in Australia and Montreal.

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