Brenda Byers, I.S.P., ITCP Elected New Chair of CIPS

CIPS is pleased to announce that Brenda Byers, I.S.P., ITCP has been elected new Chair of the CIPS National Board. Brenda has shown dedication, commitment, and sustained involvement with CIPS through her work in Saskatchewan, at the National level, and with external related societies.

Brenda succeeds Trekker Armstrong I.S.P., ITCP, who had been Chair of the CCITP (now known as the National Board) for the last two years. Trekker continues to serve on the National Board as a National Director and continues to prove to be an invaluable asset to CIPS.

Brenda Byers’ involvement with CIPS has been long standing, with her first position as VP of the CIPS Saskatoon Section in 1994, when her boss at the time asked her to step in and give back to the IT community. She has been connected to the CIPS community ever since, previously serving on the National Board as the Saskatchewan Regional Director. Brenda has served in almost every role at the CIPS provincial board level from President to Program Director. She remains very committed and passionate to what CIPS stands for - Professionalism in the IT Industry.
Dean Hartley, I.S.P., ITCP  
Vice President, IT, Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority

What value has your involvement with CIPS provided?

“For me the I.S.P. designation means I'm part of large group of trusted IT professionals who stand for a body of knowledge, a code of ethics and a commitment to continuous learning.

Being involved with the CIPS Saskatchewan Board has allowed me to further develop many skills and work with an excellent group of volunteers. It has been very rewarding to be part of a team that has advanced CIPS Saskatchewan over the last few years. Getting to know other IT professionals from a diverse group of industries has been exciting."

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CIPS Volunteer Jobs

CIPS Alberta seeking Calgary Golf Tournament Committee Volunteer

Have a passion for golf? Or do you hate golf, but always up for a nice day out in the fresh air networking with your peers?

Either way, we are looking for you! The CIPS Calgary Golf Tournament Committee is looking for four - six volunteers to help out in the following areas:

- Help with planning tournament activities
- Solicitation of golf tournament sponsorship
- Onsite support for the day of the tournament (registration, helping with prizes, selling mulligans)

The CIPS Calgary golf tournament is known industry-wide for
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Member Ring
For I.S.P. and ITCP holders:

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being a great event, so come out and join in the fun. If you are available to volunteer, please contact the CIPS Alberta office at alberta@cips.ca.

CIPS Alberta seeking Marketing and Communications Volunteer

Calling all Writers! CIPS Alberta is looking for you! CIPS Alberta is seeking a volunteer willing to join the board to oversee the marketing and communications portfolio. This important role is well-suited to someone with excellent communication skills and lots of energy and enthusiasm. In addition to overseeing CIPS Alberta’s current communication and social media tools, this individual will be given opportunity to explore new ways of marketing CIPS within the community. If you know the perfect person for the job, or if that perfect person is you, please contact the CIPS Alberta office at alberta@cips.ca

Draw for 5 Free Passes to the Mobile Enterprise Strategies Summit, Toronto, Sept 11-12

Strategy Institute is providing 5 complimentary passes to CIPS members to attend the Mobile Enterprise Summit in Toronto, Sept 11-12.

To be included in the draw to win one of these 5 passes send an email to jelias@cips.ca with the title "Mobile Enterprise Summit Draw" and the following details:

Name:
Title:
Company:
Address:
Phone:
Email:

Draw entry requirements:

- Must be a CIPS member
- Email by Friday August 3rd, 2012
- Vendors are not eligible for this draw

Strategy Institute's first Mobile Enterprise Summit is designed for CIOs, Enterprise Architects, senior IT managers, and Directors of Operations.

The emergence of a sophisticated mobile workforce necessitates IT departments to keep up with rapidly evolving mobile trends and the security issues that come along with them. This high-level summit will address the key issues related to integrating mobile devices into the operating processes of your organization.

Visit the conference website for more information: http://mobileenterprisecanada.com
CCICT & CIPS Collaborate to Accredit BTM Programs
via CCICT

CCICT and the Canadian Information Processing Society (CIPS) have formed the Business Technology Management Accreditation Council (BTMAC) and are now offering program accreditation services to the BTM community. With over 120 accredited post-secondary computing programs in Canada and overseas, CIPS has been a leader in (voluntary) program accreditation since the early 1980’s with a 90% renewal rate on accreditations. Clearly, institutions feel that accreditation is worth the effort.

BTMAC accreditation is a continuous self-improvement process and provides a systematic method to address program weaknesses or deficiencies, building a program’s strengths. It also provides a credible, independently verifiable method to differentiate accredited programs from non-accredited programs that may not adhere to important industry standards. Graduates from a CIPS-accredited program are also eligible to receive the BTM professional certification, which fosters professionalism within the student body by exposing them to their professional association.

"As the Canadian leader in the accreditation of post-secondary IT education, CIPS welcomes this opportunity to share our expertise and knowledge. Accreditation not only promotes excellence within the organization but is also a basis for program comparability." Dr. Ken Takagaki (pictured above), CIPS Director of Accreditation.

The accreditation criteria are at the heart of the BTMAC process. For more details on the BTMAC program contact Gina van Dalen, Manager Professional Standards at CIPS.

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Cloud for Small Business
via Microsoft TechNet

Over the past few months, Damir and I have been traveling across the country leading IT camps. I have been particularly focused on delivering private cloud camps, which are 6-hour hands-on workshops that lead participants through what it means to create a private cloud from a virtualized environment. We work through tasks to deliver IT by standardizing services using templates, automating the delivery of those services and setting up a self-service portal where users can select the services they need (which are then delivered automatically using the pre-configured templates).

The folks attending these workshops are a mixed bag: some work for large organizations or are consultants to large organizations and others work for small organizations or are consultants to small organizations. I inevitably get asked from one of the small business IT people: "How does all this cloud stuff relate to what I'm doing from my users and customers?" The short answer is: It may not. At least not all the private cloud stuff we talk about in the workshop. However, there are definitely cloud services that you can offer your users and clients and it’s definitely worth it, in my opinion, to understand the concepts behind the cloud model.

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Updated CIPS Member Benefit - The National Post
IFIP June Journal

There is a lot of professionalism activity happening through IFIP and IFIP IP3 which provides validation of professionalism work in Canada. The IFIP journal goes out to over 90 countries and "official" country member bodies with a direct membership of about 1 million senior leaders in government, business, industry, academia and media:

IFIP, the International Federation for Information Processing, was founded under the auspices of the United Nations (UNESCO) in 1960. IFIP is the official consultative body for ICT for the United Nations (UNESCO), Sector Member for the International Telecommunications Union or ITU, Scientific Associate Member of the International Council for Science or ICSU. The ITU is the UN Specialized Agency for ICT with 193 country governments and over 700 corporations/organizations which globally regulates, governs and sets standards for ICT.

COUNTERMEASURE 2012

COUNTERMEASURE 2012, taking place from Oct 25-26 at the Ottawa Convention Centre (with optional training Oct 22-24), is Ottawa's premier computer security conference featuring the best of both offensive and defensive tactics.

COUNTERMEASURE 2012 will bring together computer security practitioners from academia, government and the private sector, to share experience and knowledge, and to collaborate on the new challenges facing the field of computer security.


CIPS members receive a 10% discount on conference registration using discount code CM2012HEAPSPRAY.

RFP: The redevelopment of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute Stakeholder Database

via Canadian Patient Safety Institute

The purpose of the RFP is to identify and select the most qualified organization to redevelop the CPSI Stakeholder Database.

The Stakeholder Database is CPSI's centralized contact management system. The system allows CPSI to store contacts, manage mailing lists and to initiate contact with CPSI stakeholders. At present CPSI has nearly 17,000 in the Stakeholder Database, of which just under 10,000 of these
Nominations for "fellow of the ICCP" & 40th Anniversary via ICCP

The ICCP is currently accepting nominations for "fellows of the ICCP". A typical nominee would have contributed to the computer industry in a significant manner either in research, publishing, new concept development, professionalism, education, etc.

One of our previous inductees is Admiral Grace Hopper who was instrumental in the development of the early mainframe computers, others include founders of the ICCP such as John Swearingen and our first psychometrician Coleman Furr.

Do think about nominating a deserving individual - just send me a simple email stating:

"I nominate ______(name)_________________________ who has contributed to the computer industry in the following manner : (any one or more of the following)

Education
Research
Publications
Professionalism
New Concept Development
Certification/Exam development, etc.

Successful nominees will be invited to attend the 40th Anniversary celebration in 2013. Nominations are being accepted until Aug 15th.

Contact:
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CIPS National Corporate Partners (New!)

The following organizations have demonstrated their commitment to professionalism, ethics, and high standards for the I.T. 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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