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## Interview with the Former Chair of ISTAC: Gerald Caissy, I.S.P., ITCP



**Gerald Caissy, I.S.P., ITCP**  
Former Chair, ISTAC

Gerald Caissy, I.S.P., ITCP is the Former Chair of ISTAC (Information Systems and Technology Accreditation Council) and has made many contributions to CIPS, demonstrating sustained commitment to CIPS' vision, mission, and goals. CIPS thanks Gerald for his considerable history of service and for taking the time to do this interview.

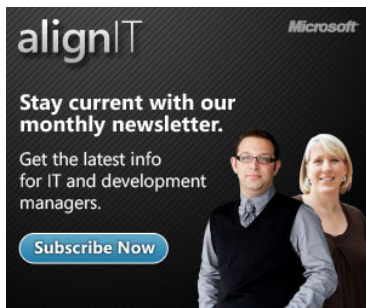
*You have served on numerous ISTAC evaluation teams for computing programs over the years. Can you describe how these experiences have helped you in your ongoing professional development?*

Gerald: As a CIPS accreditation reviewer/auditor you are exposed to a detailed review of the composition of a computing credentials curriculum and given that I am an academic who trains computer programmers these reviews provided me with the opportunities to see best practices by peers across the country. When on-site the conversation and sharing of ideas always left me feeling charged, followed by the network of new professional peers that I could draw on at any time regarding computing curriculum.

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### About ISTAC:

The Information Systems and Technology Accreditation Council (ISTAC) was formed in 1989 and is the lead Council in CIPS responsible for formulating and maintaining high educational standards for Canadian colleges offering programs of study in the areas of Information Systems (IS) and the application of Computer Technology to the solution of organization and business related problems. It assesses relevant educational programs for accreditation purposes in accordance with established criteria and



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### Members of ISTAC:

**Chair:** Bill Paterson

**Members:** Terry Goudreault, Mary Lynn Manton, I.S.P., Dave Morris, Ross Phillips, I.S.P., ITCP, Dr. Abhijit Sen, Pauline Turnbull, I.S.P., ITCP

**CSAC Liaison:** Dr. Ken Barker, I.S.P., ITCP

**CIPS Director of Accreditation:** Dr. Ken Takagaki

## Introducing the New Chair of ISTAC: Bill Paterson



**Bill Paterson**  
**Chair, ISTAC**

CIPS is pleased to introduce Bill Paterson as the New Chair of ISTAC (Information Systems and Technology Accreditation Council). Bill is an Associate Professor, Computer Science and Information Systems, at Mount Royal University. CIPS is lucky to have Bill as our new ISTAC chair and we look forward to Bill's future contributions in this role.

*Tell us about your vision and objectives as the Chair of ISTAC?  
What are some of the initiatives that ISTAC will be dealing with  
in the coming year?*

Bill: I think it is important to raise the level of professionalism in IT and all Computer Science related fields. A major part of this endeavor is to ensure our post-secondary IT related programs are of high quality. Accreditation through ISTAC provides a strong mechanism to make that happen. To extend the reach of ISTAC we need to work on accreditation criteria and processes that recognize that IT is "embedded" in many different types of activities. I hope to work towards this goal during my term.

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## CIPS Volunteer of the Month: Ken Metcalfe, I.S.P., ITCP, CCP



**Ken Metcalfe, I.S.P., ITCP, CCP**  
**Director I.T., Privacy Officer**  
**The Portage la Prairie Mutual Insurance Co.**

#### **What type of Involvement have you had with CIPS?**

"My first involvement with CIPS began with their national conferences. In 1987 CIPS became a permanent component of my career and I obtained my I.S.P. in 1992. Working with the CIPS Winnipeg section in various board positions, I became the Manitoba Region Director on the CIPS National Board, ultimately holding executive board positions of both Treasurer and Secretary. I participated during the formation of the provincial CIPS structure and have held executive board positions in CIPS Manitoba and continue as a working board member. At CIPS National I have remained a member of the Finance Committee.

Over the past 10 years I have been your national representative to the Institute for the Certification of Computing Professionals ([ICCP](#)), which provides knowledge assessment towards the I.S.P. and ongoing recertification credits. I currently hold the executive board position of vice president."

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### **Call for Nominations: CIPS Awards of Achievement**



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](#)**

**Due Wednesday November 14, 2012**[www.cips.ca/awards](http://www.cips.ca/awards)

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### CIPS Fellows

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.

Fellow Members have agreed to uphold the highest standards of ethics and professional conduct. They will also help to promote CIPS and the association's initiatives within their sphere of influence. Fellow Members use the designation, FCIPS, after their name. [Click here for a List of CIPS Fellows](#)

[CIPS Fellow 2012 nominations Form](#)

**Due November 10, 2012**

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## Blog Posts from the CIPS Chair

### Sept 4:

"The other exciting news is that George Boyton, Stephen Ibaraki, and myself are off to the IFIP World Computer Congress and the IP3 AGM and Board meetings in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Sept 24th - 28th, 2012."

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### Sept 10:

"There is more work being done to connect with the Federal Government on services that CIPS can potentially provide nationally, more to come on this for sure."

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### Sept 17:

"Also this Saturday, 3 CIPS members, including myself are off to the IFIP World Computer Congress and IP3 AGM and planning meetings in Amsterdam, Netherlands"

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### Sept 24 (From Amsterdam!):

"Throughout the day today there has been a common theme of how cloud services, mobile technologies including open courseware, will change the way the industry expands and develops."

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### Sept 25 (From Amsterdam!):

"Many of you would have been interested in the presentation on Flash Crashes, Trading Algorithms



and Systemic Risk by Philip Treleaven, Professor of Computer Science, London University. The main message was the research is unable to predict the markets and determine why they do what they do."

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**Sept 27 (From Amsterdam!):**

"This morning I had the pleasure of participating in the IP3 AGM, which also had very engaging discussions on how IFIP and the IP3 can assist countries with developing ICT industries mature the IT profession and begin to certify professionals."

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Sincerely,

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

<http://www.cips.ca/blog>

## Be an Industry Rep on the BTM Accreditation Team!

The Canadian Coalition for Tomorrow's ICT Skills (CCICT), in partnership with CIPS, has now launched the Business Technology Management (BTM) program accreditation service. The **BTM Accreditation Council** (BTMAC) is looking for volunteers who wish to become actively engaged in accreditation of **BTM post-secondary programs** by serving as an accreditor on a visitation team. Through your involvement you will help assure that the accreditation assessment reflects the needs and expectations of key external constituents. You will gain insight into the characteristics and trends in BTM education; and benefit from interaction with committed peers from higher education and industry.

Accreditation teams consist of two academics and one person from industry. The school under consideration will prepare a comprehensive questionnaire and a two-day fact finding visit is scheduled. The team members write a report which is then presented to the Council for consideration. All accreditors complete the Association of Accrediting Agencies of Canada online course on accreditation. Prior to the visit, accreditors spend a few hours reading the materials submitted by the school. There will be the two-day visit (coordinated around the school's and accreditors' availability) after which each accreditor is assigned a report writing duty (approximately ½ a day).

BTMAC accreditors are expected to serve a three-year term commitment. Accreditors are typically assigned to one campus visit each year between September and April. All program evaluators will not receive an assignment each year as the scheduling is based on the demand for accreditation services. If you'd like to be a industry representative on an accreditation team, contact Gina van Dalen, [gina@cips.ca](mailto:gina@cips.ca) with a brief description of your professional background. We'll follow up by phone to fill you in on the program specifics.

## CIPS BC Event (Victoria, Vancouver, Webcast): "Fighting The Creep Factor In Technology!"

**Date:** Tue, 10/23/2012

**Event Location:** (Victoria, Vancouver, Webcast)



**Dr. Tom Keenan. I.S.P., ITCP**

*Professor and Associate Dean*

*Faculty of Environmental Design*

*University of Calgary*

In a world where you can order a DNA test online, receive ads based on what you just wrote in an email, and might have your implanted medical device probed by hackers, the "*creep factor*" is becoming an important limitation on technology adoption.

There's even an app for that. "*Girls Around Me*" recently aroused great controversy because it allowed people to gawk at the Facebook profiles of total strangers in their vicinity. While the developers argued they were merely combining data users had already freely disclosed, many found it very disturbing.

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## WCIT 2012 - World Congress on Information Technology

[World Congress on Information Technology \(WCIT 2012\)](#)

Montreal, Canada - October 22-24, 2012

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**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.**

## Double, Double for Your Trouble

via **Microsoft TechNet**

While we dole out all sorts of goodies like free training, resources and awesome, deeply technical

hands on events, we don't often get the chance to say thank you and recognize all the hard work you do. After all, you help move IT forward, push the industry to innovate and help drive the Canadian economy. It's a pretty big deal to us, so in addition to all those goodies we usually talk about, we want to add one more to the list and we're adding a special treat to say "thank you".



This is the season of new classes and teachers, of harvest and giving thanks, of ghosts and goblins and witches. The days are getting shorter and your To Do list is getting longer in the lead-up to Christmas. In the midst of all the craziness, I invite you to take a few minutes, have a seat in front of your computer and do something just for you.

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And for those in the earlier stages of their career, who wish to accelerate their transition to a leadership candidate role, enroll now in the 4-day **Emerging IT Leader Program** in Toronto on **November 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**.

For further details and to enroll, please go to [www.leadersbeyond.com](http://www.leadersbeyond.com) and check the CIPS member box to receive your special discount and I.S.P. re-certification credit. Or call Barry Clavir at 416-573-0713.

***Enrollment is limited so act now to accelerate your career and succession plans today!***

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**Systems Analyst - SharePoint Development**, Toronto, Ontario

**Business Systems Consultant**, Red Deer, Alberta

**Software Testing Analyst/ Test Lead**, Edmonton, Alberta

**Senior Programmer Analyst**, Calgary, Alberta

**Enterprise Systems Administrator**, Toronto, Ontario

**Senior Business Consultant**, Edmonton, Alberta

**Manager Application & Data Services**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**Systems Administrator, Windows**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**Supervisor, IT Audit**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**Administrator, Compliance (temporary)**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**Systems Analyst III**, Fort McMurray, Alberta

**Manager, IT Operations**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**Solutions Architect**, Edmonton, Alberta

**Technical Support Analyst**, Regina, Saskatchewan

**Business Analyst**, Regina, Saskatchewan,  
**VB.net Developer**, Edmonton, Alberta,  
**Technical Analyst II**, Regina, Saskatchewan  
**Project Manager - Field Network Upgrades**, Calgary, Alberta

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