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CIPS Victoria Feb 5th Luncheon: "Preparing for the inevitable: BAD stuff happened. Now what?"

Please join us for this very timely presentation:

- Charles will kick off the presentation, describing recent security and privacy issues and breaches. (Bring your hankie... some areSAD!!)
- Lee follows with advice about preparing for the inevitable incident.
- Sharon wraps up with how to handle security and privacy breaches.

CIPS Calgary Feb. 14 Luncheon: "Calgary 2020 - An IT Market Outlook"
Location: Calgary Petroleum Club (319 5th Avenue SW), Viking Room

Time: 11:30 am Registration & Lunch; 12:00 pm Presentation & Question Period

Topic: Calgary 2020 - An IT Market Outlook

Presenter: Derek Bullen
CIPS Women in Technology Event (Edmonton, Feb. 21)

The objectives of this one-day conference are to:

- inform the girls about the variety of fun and creative careers that exist in IT;
- encourage the girls to keep their future options open by taking math and science courses throughout High School; and
- interest the young women in considering a future in Information Technology.

The conference begins with a "Welcome Address" where the young women will develop an understanding of the current climate in the IT industry and the benefits of stronger female representation in this exciting field. Then, the young women will participate in a series of three sessions or workshops that will help them explore the way Information Technology impacts their daily lives and to appreciate the broad spectrum of career options that await them in the technology field.

CIPS Saskatoon Feb. 26 Luncheon: "The Times They Are a-Changin'"

Projects and System Implementations are only successful if they are embraced and used to improve current business processes. Technology is only valuable if it drives benefits to the organization and in order for that to happen, people have to be READY, WILLING, and ABLE to adopt the change.

Featured Whitepaper: "Disaster Recovery as a Service"

Written by IDC analyst Mark Schrutt, this edition of the Analyst Connection provides an overview of the considerations for, and value of, Disaster Recovery as a Service (DRaaS). It focuses on the importance of Disaster Recovery (DR) solutions and provides insight into key business drivers, issues, trends, and considerations for companies looking to protect their business today and in the future. The paper compares traditional DR programs to the new DRaaS which provides access to storage, backup, and recovery on an as-needed, pay-for-what-you-use basis. The paper explores why traditional DR is no longer meeting the needs of today's businesses and why new cloud-based technologies are rewriting the rules of DR, providing speed to recovery, scalability, security, and reliability.

CIPS INTERVIEWS: Patryk Janiszewski, Innovating Microsoft Windows Store, Windows Phone Developer
Patryk L. Janiszewski served a tour in Kuwait and Iraq with the U.S. Army during Operation Enduring Freedom. As a student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Patryk earned his first bachelor’s degree in Human Resources in 2011 and is currently seeking a second bachelor’s degree in Business Information Systems and a minor in Information Technology. Patryk is the President of the Association for Information Systems (AIS) Student Chapter and is the owner of Hard Code Software Solutions, Inc., a start-up company that he recently formed after receiving a BizSpark Grant from Microsoft.

Industry study: Most data breaches can be prevented

IT World Canada

Over 740 million personal data records held by corporations and governments were exposed in 2013, says an industry association that believes almost all of the breaches could have been avoided with basic security controls. The statement came from the Online Trust Alliance (OTA), which recently released a data protection and best practices guide for organizations. Association members include Microsoft, Symantec, PayPal, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Twitter and a number of security and cloud computing service providers.

CIO Canada Summit

The CIO Canada Summit will give senior IT executives in Canada the opportunity to meet and network with technology analysts, leading association representatives, solution providers, and technology leaders from some of the largest and most innovative organizations in the country. This exclusive gathering, held in a relaxed, yet focused business environment, will bring together more than 50 CIOs to collaborate on key issues, formulate new ideas and learn about the latest technology solutions. The summit will include, but is not limited to, representatives from the following industries: healthcare, telecom, finance, education, insurance, government, retail, transportation, and utilities.

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