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April CIPS Volunteer of the Month: Trekker Armstrong, I.S.P., ITCP, FCIPS

Trekker Armstrong holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Calgary specializing in Management Information Systems, and maintains an Information Systems Professional (ISP), ITCP/IP3P certification from the Canadian Information Processing Society. As a senior professional with 32 years' experience in Information Systems for the energy industry, he has enjoyed many varied and interesting roles within TransCanada Pipelines.
Why good interpersonal skills are essential in IT

Most professional résumés say the person has "good" interpersonal skills because companies for years list them as a requirement. But what are they and why are they so critical to your professional IT career?

CIPS AB Red Deer May 14 Dinner: 'CIPS Launches SFIA, Skills Framework for the Information Age'

Timothy Busch has played a major role in organizational development in IST at the University of Alberta, implementing processes and tools-SFIA and SFIaplus-to support IT consolidation at the University. SFIA and SFIaplus help the University at all stages of the skills management cycle: organizational design, resource planning, recruitment, deployment, assessment, development, and remuneration.

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Featured I.T. Jobs

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Senior Systems Architect, Calgary, Alberta
Sap Analyst, Quality Management, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Sr. Programmer Analyst, Fredericton/Moncton, New Brunswick
SAP Systems Analyst (ABAP Developer), Calgary, Alberta
IT Network Analyst, Joffre, Alberta
Dean, School of Information Technology, Doha, Qatar
Business Technology Governance Analyst, Edmonton, Alberta
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<td><strong>3 ways to recruit the best IT talent</strong>&lt;br&gt;Forbes&lt;br&gt;The IT department is critical to the smooth operation of most businesses, which means organizations must be laser-focused on hiring top talent to manage technology needs on an ongoing basis. Before beginning a search for potential hires, it's crucial to have a plan in place for finding, interviewing, hiring and retaining the best IT candidates.</td>
<td><strong>Understanding the new Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation</strong>&lt;br&gt;CIPS&lt;br&gt;Lisa Abe-Oldenburg, Partner of Bennett Jones LLP, presented an overview of Canada's new Anti-Spam Legislation which comes into force July 1, 2014. The new law affects all businesses in that it prohibits the sending of commercial electronic messages, altering of transmission data and the installation of software, without certain prescribed consent, informational and technical requirements.</td>
<td><strong>Questions not included in the CIPS Ethics exam</strong>&lt;br&gt;IT World Canada&lt;br&gt;To earn the professional designation of Information Systems Professional, or I.S.P., CIPS now requires applicants to pass an ethics exam. I was on the committee that helped create that exam and I think we can learn almost as much from the questions we did not include as from those questions that were approved.</td>
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CIPS INTERVIEWS: Roy Taylor, Global Top Innovating Entrepreneur and C Level Executive, Corporate Vice President and Head of Global Channel Sales AMD

Roy Taylor is Corporate Vice President and Head of Global Channel Sales. In this role, Taylor is responsible for managing and growing AMD's channel business globally. A 25-year industry veteran, Taylor has had a multi-faceted career as a technology evangelist, content strategist and entrepreneur in both start-ups and established companies.

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Featured Whitepaper: The changing role of the CIO

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Mobile devices have forever changed the workplace and the parameters of the CIO role and IT functions. Can CIOs successfully bridge the gap between ensuring security of company data while allowing employees to bring their own devices?

Perspectives on shared services for finance and accounting

Shared Services and Outsourcing Summit

What do Twitter, HSBC, Philips and MGM have in common? Leading shared services experts from these top organizations contributed their insight into Perspectives: Finance Shared Services. Learn about a Twitter case study, strategies for CFO buy-in and see what experts have to say about new technologies and enterprise architecture.

TRENDING ARTICLES

Missed last week's issue? See which articles your colleagues read most.

- Questions not included in the CIPS Ethics exam (IT World Canada)
- Understanding the new Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation - PDF (Member-Only Content) (CIPS)
- Featured I.T. Jobs (14) (CIPS)

Click here to see what else you missed.

iTech: IT Infrastructure & Cloud Services Conference in Toronto

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Once again CIPS will have an active participation in the iTech 2014 IT Infrastructure & Cloud Services Conference on May 15 at the International Centre in Toronto. As part of our partnership, along with a booth, CIPS members will receive free admission to the event. The feedback from last year was very positive and it is great to see that they would like to have a CIPS presence again!

Hands on with Chromecast

IT World Canada

A few weeks back, Google finally made the Chromecast available in Canada, and that excited a whole lot of people. It's easy to understand why: for just $39, you could have a device which would plug into your TV's HDMI port and allow you to stream content directly from your mobile device (either Android or iPhone) to your television.

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