With 2013 coming to a close, CIPS would like to wish its members, partners and other industry professionals a very safe and happy holiday season.

As we reflect on the past year, we would like to provide CIPS Connections subscribers with a look at the most-read news stories. That means, over the next two weeks, we'll count down the Top 20 articles for the year!

Your regular news publication will resume on Thursday January 9, 2014.

20. CIPS member Daryl Hepting kicks off the new ITWorldCanada blog with a post about the importance of getting youth interested in IT careers

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From Sept. 5, 2013: Computing is many things: a career, an academic discipline, and an increasingly essential part of daily life for everyone in Canada. Yet, computing (or more generally, information and communication technology [ICT]) is misunderstood; young people may not know about careers in ICT.

19. 10 trends for IT professionals to pay attention to over the next 5 years

Balkans.com
From Oct. 10, 2013: Gartner expects these trends will affect IT over the next five years: software-defined networks, software-defined storage, hybrid cloud services, integrated systems, applications acceleration, The Internet of Things, open compute project, intelligent datacenters, IT demand, organizational entrenchment and disruptions.

18. IT does not know ethics

IT World Canada
From Sept. 26, 2013: It is important that IT professionals put more focus on ethics because the business world is finally understanding how much trust and power they give us to run their IT infrastructure. Sometimes the best way to define something is to say what it is NOT.
17. Congratulations to the new CIPS Fellows and Honorary Fellow Inductees!

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From Nov. 28, 2013: New CIPS Fellows:
Larry Sampson, FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP
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Dr. Leslie (Les) Oliver, Hon. FCIPS, I.S.P. (ret.)

16. Athabasca University: Executive MBA program (I.S.P holders)

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From June 27, 2013: Athabasca University's online Graduate Business programs are designed for working, experienced managers and professionals. The programs are challenging and demand that individuals be committed to their studies, able to immediately apply their learning, and able to balance the demands of education, work and family.

15. What is enterprise architecture?

IT World Canada

From Nov. 21, 2013: A new landmark paper from the Federation of Enterprise Architecture Professional Organizations has found that more than 80 per cent of organizations do not successfully execute their business strategies. In over 70 per cent of these cases, the reason was not the strategy itself, but ineffective execution.

14. CIPS expresses our sincere condolences as Pat Hume passes away at the age of 90

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From May 16, 2013: Patt died peacefully at his home in Toronto with his family at his side on May 9, 2013, at the age of 90. Survived by his devoted wife Patricia Anne Hume (nee Molyneux). He leaves behind children Stephen (Lisa), Philip (Janet), Harriet and Mark.

13. ICT employment and GDP increase in 2013 Q2

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From Aug. 29, 2013: ICTC's 2013 Q2 Quarterly Monitor of Canada's Digital Economy. 3,000 new ICT jobs were created in 2013 Q2, increasing the employment level in ICT occupations to 805,000. Want to learn more about Canada's labour market in the digital economy? Want to learn how women, youth, and immigrants are competing in ICT occupations? Want to learn about the hot jobs in ICT currently?

12. Wanted: Defenders of the public interest

IT World Canada

From Oct. 31, 2013: The first imperative of the CIPS Code of Ethics is to protect the public interest and maintain integrity. First among the eight principles of the ACM/IEEE Software Engineering Code of Ethics and Professional Practice is "PUBLIC – Software engineers shall act consistently with the public interest."
11. I.T. Professionalism Week 2013 Prize Giveaway!
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From Nov. 21, 2013: Comment on the discussion below and you'll be entered into a draw to win a $50 Future Shop Gift Card or some CIPS Swag! You have seen the furor over healthcare.gov in the US. With the increasing complexity of all systems (government, business, consumer) and our total reliance on ICT, is professionalism the key to bring order and reliability to chaos?

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