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Congratulations CIPS on reaching the 50 year milestone!

Over these many years you have brought together many professionals in IT who found lasting friendships and business relationships that would not have happened without you. Many participants must look back with pride on their contributions which helped CIPS along the way. Your success and longevity owes a lot to these volunteers who gave back so much to their profession.

Working within the same national office complex for many years has been a great pleasure for ICDL Canada but allows me to also say with confidence -- congratulations to the staff of CIPS who grind it out year after year in service to the profession. It also needs to be acknowledged that we have had great support from committed executive members and staff across the CIPS provincial and district organizations. These have included encouragement of pilot initiatives and introductions of the ICDL concepts to government, community organizations, education, major employers and funding agencies.

One of the hallmarks of CIPS achievements has been the development and promotion of the ISP designation. It raises the level. This program is a major part of what distinguishes CIPS as an internationally recognized professional society.

It has been our pleasure at ICDL Canada to be associated with CIPS in the certification arena over the last ten of your 50 years. Our work with CIPS and other informatics societies around the world have certainly helped ECDL/ICDL in Canada and amongst over 144 countries in improving digital literacy through computer user skills certification. Through these efforts CIPS extends its impact beyond the profession to the whole of our information society.

Sincerely,
ICDL Canada

Bryn Jones
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