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To Whom It May Concern:

The Canadian Association of Computer Science/Association informatique canadienne is the association of Canadian academic Computer Science departments/schools/faculties. CACS/AIC is in support of the "professional practice" initiative undertaken under the auspices of IFIP.

CACS/AIC members believe that information and communications technology (ICT) raises a number of challenges that require a substantial transformation of traditional professional models. In particular the speed of change in ICT and the broad expansion of ICT technology into every area of human activity necessitate new ways of thinking both about the appropriate training and also about the life-long maintenance of skills necessary for an ICT professional. An international study of the issue of ICT professionalism, then, is something that CACS/AIC would warmly welcome. We would encourage this effort to be as open minded and forward looking as possible in order to assure the best possible professional models emerge.

Yours sincerely,

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