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Last Call for Nominations:
CIPS Awards of Achievement/ CIPS Fellows

The CIPS National Awards of Achievement is an opportunity for CIPS to show its sincere gratitude to those deserving individuals whose accomplishments warrant acknowledgement and praise. It is through these accomplishments that the IT industry continues to flourish successfully at a rapid pace.

Awards of Achievement Nomination Form
(Nominations for the 2010 CIPS Achievement Awards are due **Friday September 3, 2010**)

http://www.cips.ca/awards

"CIPS Fellows" Nominations are also due September 3rd. The Fellow is the highest class of membership offered by CIPS and can only be obtained with approval from the CIPS National Board of Directors.

CIPS Fellow 2010 nominations Form

http://www.cips.ca/fellows

ICT Labour Force Weathered the Economic Storm Better Than Most Sectors

Ottawa, ON - According to a special labour market intelligence report released by the Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC) today, the ICT labour force in Canada experienced a 4.5% unemployment rate relative to the 8.5% national unemployment rate in December 2009.

Other key trends noted in the report indicate that the ICT labour market grew most significantly in the Atlantic Region (+16.1%), Prairies (+13.8%) and Quebec (+10.6%), and that the demographics of ICT workers is changing.

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Organized by CIPS Alberta and supported by a wide range of local, national and international sponsoring companies, **ICE: The Tech Conference** is in its 28th year. The conference is held at the **Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta, November 1-3, 2010**. The success of ICE is in its ability to **inspire** those involved in IT to become better professionals, **connect** delegates with peers and industry players and **educate** about the latest technology, business methods, trends and tools. Drawing from a blend of internationally known speakers and local knowledge, ICE offers eight motivational keynote presentations, nearly forty high quality break out sessions covering four different knowledge streams, extended length interactive tutorials and countless opportunities to network and share ideas.

Our focus this year is: **IT is a Big World - A Global Approach to IT**

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World Computer Congress 2010

You are invited to attend WCC2010 - the 21st IFIP World Computer Congress hosted by the Australian Computer Society. 20-23 September 2010, Brisbane, Australia. See http://www.wcc2010.com/

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Top Scientist; Dr. Doug Terry, Principal Researcher Microsoft Research Silicon Valley, past Chief Scientist CSL Xerox PARC, Adjunct Professor Berkeley, ACM Fellow-shares his deep insights into distributed systems, mobile computing, the Cloud, managing data plus research and career lessons
Doug Terry is a Principal Researcher in the Microsoft Research Silicon Valley lab. His research focuses on the design and implementation of novel distributed systems and addresses issues such as information management, fault-tolerance, and mobility. He is currently leading a research project on Community Information Management that is developing a platform for sharing data within weakly connected communities of people using cloud-based storage and mobile devices. He also serves as Chair of ACM's Special Interest Group on Operating Systems (SIGOPS). Prior to joining Microsoft, Doug was the co-founder and CTO of a start-up company named Cogenia, Chief Scientist of the Computer Science Laboratory at Xerox PARC, and an Adjunct Professor in the Computer Science Division at U. C. Berkeley, where he regularly teaches a graduate course on distributed systems. Doug has a Ph.D. in Computer Science from U. C. Berkeley and was named an ACM Fellow.

Leading International Authority and Scientist, Dr. Stephen Seidman, Dean Texas State University, CSAB President talks about software engineering, the computing profession, professionalism and certification, and computing education
Stephen B. Seidman is Dean of the College of Science at Texas State University in San Marcos, TX. Dr. Seidman has an active interest in computing education and professionalism. He played a leading role in the development of an international standard for software engineering certification, and he has worked with the IP3 effort to develop a program to accredit computing societies certify information technology professionals. Dr. Seidman is a long-term IEEE Computer Society volunteer. He has been a member of the IEEE-CS Board of Governors and the IEEE-CS Executive Committee. He has served the Computer Society as Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-President for Educational Activities. Dr. Seidman has been a member of the CSAB (US computing accreditation) board since 2006; he is currently (2009-11) serving as CSAB president.

Distinguished Executive, Scientist, Engineer; Dr. Kishore Swaminathan, Chief Scientist Accenture shares his insights into the global overall trends, business needs and strategy, the future of technology, skill needs, and career lessons
As the chief scientist of Accenture, Dr. Kishore Swaminathan defines Accenture's Technology Vision and helps set Accenture's technology and research agenda. He also directly heads Accenture's Systems Integration research located in Chicago (US), Silicon Valley, California (US), Sophia Antipolis (France) and Bangalore (India). In 2001, Swaminathan took a one-year leave of absence from Accenture to launch Artsonia, an online children's art museum that now displays over a million pieces of art from children in more than 100 countries. Creativity and innovation will be recurring themes in Swaminathan's role as the chief scientist of Accenture. "*For any company, innovation comes from a systemic mind-set that embraces and nurtures creative ideas. Creativity does not necessarily result in innovation, but there's no innovation without creativity.*" As a result, Swaminathan wants to identify creative people from all levels of the company and set up mentorship programs to nurture and develop their ideas, in addition to several other ambitious plans.

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