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## Happy Holidays!



**CIPS would like to wish you and your family a Very Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!**

Please Note that the CIPS Office will be closed Monday December 24th 2012 to Wednesday January 2nd 2013.

**Congratulations to Maria Galati, CIPS Saskatchewan Executive Director, for receiving the CSAE Donna Mary Shaw Award!**

CIPS would like to congratulate Maria Galati, CIPS Saskatchewan Executive Director, for receiving the Donna Mary Shaw Award, presented by the CSAE (Canadian Society of Association Executives) Honours & Awards Committee.



The Donna Mary Shaw Award - for Executive and Business Members, is named in honour of the late Donna Mary Shaw, a well-respected CSAE colleague known for her interest in association management, youth and mentoring. Initiated by her many friends and colleagues as an endowment fund through CSAE's Foundation in 1996 (the year following her death), the Society now confers this Award on behalf of the Foundation.

The Donna Mary Shaw Award encourages deserving individuals to pursue careers in the not-for-profit sector by providing up to six individuals in CSAE member organizations - one each from



British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan/Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada - with broader exposure to the Society's resources and a commitment to be mentored by their employer

This select group is provided with resource, education and counseling opportunities designed to encourage their continued employment within the sector and to advance within their own organization or other not-for-profit organizations.

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### The CIPS Community Discusses "Why IT Professionalism is Important"

CIPS recently asked its members "Why IT Professionalism is Important" and the responses demonstrated why IT associations and certifications are extremely important to society and the IT profession. Thank you to everyone who provided their insights!

The responses can be viewed at  
<http://www.cips.ca/Why-IT-Professionalism-is-Important>

Here are just a few:

"For me, it's about being trustworthy. Fundamentally, being accepted as an IT Professional means that I will be accepted as trustworthy (in IT matters). That's important to my sense of self, and important to me as one offering services to the public. CIPS membership is one of the more visible ways in which I can tell the world that I see myself as an IT Professional, and that I can be held accountable against the CIPS Code of Ethics."

Bob Fabian, FCIPS, I.S.P. (ret)



"As technology accelerates its pervasiveness throughout the world and in every individual's life, even though they may not even realize it, it is people like us, IT professionals, who are critical to ensure the safety and integrity of the solutions supporting the people and business today. With IT Professionalism and the I.S.P. we are able to distinguish ourselves and be recognized in the field of information technology and computer science. When I see someone with the I.S.P. designation I recognize a peer in the cadre of IT Professionals, and I immediately have a respect for the individual and their integrity in our space. Also, it is a common ground to initiate conversations, share



experiences, seek advice, and establish a lifelong network, regardless where they are in this global community."

Sabina Posadziewski, CGEIT, I.S.P., MBA, ITCP/IP3P

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## CIPS Chair Blog: Greetings from Kazakhstan!

Day 1 - I arrived in this very Canadian like city (except for the Russian and Kazakh signs everywhere) Monday Dec 10th at 6:40am. This was delayed from my original arrival time of 5:45am but considering we had been delayed 3 hours on the tarmac in Calgary, diverted from Frankfurt to Munich due to a snow storm and having to rebook my ticket to Astana, KZ through Vienna; it was kind of a miracle I made it at all. However it was not a surprise when my luggage did not arrive. The language barrier reared its head when a number of us were trying to fill out the forms with the Air Astana employees. Everyone seemed very unsure the process and if our bags were ever going to show up.



The Architecture Council sessions started at 10:00am so there was no time for me to feel sorry for my misfortunes. I thought I would just have time to have a quick shower, but this was cut short by the shower head falling apart with a huge clatter. WELCOME TO KAZAKHSTAN!

Needless to say the rest of the day got much better. This was the first planning workshop I've ever been at where we had translation headsets. All the hosts and local presenters spoke in Russian which along with Kazakh, is there two official languages. The presentations were of course all focused around Kazakhstan's government cloud initiatives. The international presenters were from Denmark, USA, Korea and I presented that afternoon on the new Shared Services Canada department just legislated June 2012 as well as some of the provincial, open data and open portal initiatives. The presentation that received the most feedback from attendees was the proposed methods of performance measurements that will be used to track and encourage process automation and migration to the government cloud. The sessions went to around 6:30pm, Kazakh IT work very long hours, usually a 12 hour day.



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## A Year in Review - 12 Microsoft Milestones (via Microsoft TechNet)

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The end of 2012 is quickly approaching and with it the traditional retrospective of the year. Well it's been a [fantastic year](#) for us at Microsoft. With product launches like Office 2013, SQL 2012, Surface, Windows 8, Windows Server 2012, Windows Phone 8 and Halo 4 among others. (See the whole listing [here](#)). In 2012, we continued our tradition of giving back with our [annual fall Employee Giving Campaign](#) by reaching a , major milestone: US\$1 billion in employee cash gifts since 1983, benefiting about 31,000 non-profits and community organizations around the world.

The end of the year also brings the holiday season, a time of year that reminds us that good will and peace are universal blessings, whether you're celebrating Ashura, Bodhi Day, Hanukkah,

Christmas or other significant holiday.

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## The Value of Professional Associations [Video Presentation]

Kewal Dhariwal talks about the Value of Professional Associations. Kewal Dhariwal, CCP, CDMP, CBIP, I.S.P., ITCP is the ICCP Executive Director ([www.iccp.org](http://www.iccp.org)) and is the Former CIPS National President ([www.cips.ca](http://www.cips.ca)).



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