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Founder Global Industry Council (GIC), Chief Officer SR (IFIP IP3) Chairman CIPS (2007/8), Founding Chairman Global Board GITCA Chairman International Boards (iGEN Knowledge Solutions Inc, the Vine Group)

Stephen Ibaraki FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP has been appointed as the Vice-Chair of the International Advisory Board for the first WCF (World CIO Forum). Stephen's reputation and influence is well-known in the world of information technology, and is a significant ambassador for CIPS.

His role as Vice-Chair gives him the unique opportunity to build relationships between CEOs, CIOs, and c-level executives of the global Fortune 1000 companies, along with CIPS, other IFIP societies, and IP3 to support their growth, and build support for Professionalism in the industry. His Vice-Chair role was approved by Wu Jichuan, former Minister of MIT and now President of CIE, who has deep relationships with top enterprises in China at the highest level.

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Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT) and CIPS signs Letter of Intent on Joint College Accreditation



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Following the official launch of the [CCTT National Technology Benchmarks for Information Technology](#) last year, both CCTT and CIPS agreed that, when possible, it should collaborate to ensure that there is no market confusion or unnecessary duplication in the accreditation of computing and information technology college programs. The goal is to provide the best accreditation process possible for educational institutions.

These discussions culminated in the signing of a *Letter of Intent* (LOI), which will form the basis for an agreement on the joint accreditation of college programs. The LOI acknowledges that CIPS has the greater depth of experience and content expertise in the area of computing, and it will therefore remain the lead organization in the accreditation of software related computing programs. Joint accreditation, which has been defined as accreditation involving both CCTT and CIPS accreditors using the CIPS criteria and processes, will only take place in those cases where a program meet all the relevant CIPS criteria. It will be up to the educational institution to determine which form of accreditation, single or joint, they wish to seek for their programs. Information, including the cost of joint accreditation, a flowchart that will allow schools to determine if their program qualifies for joint accreditation and the accreditation process, will be made available via the CIPS website shortly. For more information on CIPS accreditation contact Gina van Dalen, Manager Professional Standards at accreditation@cips.ca

CIPS Saskatchewan / U of R Computer Science CSEdWeek luncheon: awards



As part of the first Computer Science Education Week in Canada, Dec. 5 to 11 2010, CIPS Saskatchewan and the Department of Computer Science at the University of Regina co-hosted a luncheon, where the U of R Computer Science Department received recognition for its continuing accreditation of its undergraduate program (longest continuously accredited program in Canada) and Derek Burt, I.S.P., ITCP an alumnus of the CS Department, received the CIPS Marilyn Harris Award for I.T. Professionalism.

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Fall semester wraps up for Undergraduate Capstone Open Source Projects



Software development is no longer bound by time zones or borders. Working effectively in distributed teams is challenging and university programs often leave students unprepared to handle both the the immense communication challenges and the required coordination tools.

UCOSP (Undergraduate Capstone Open Source Projects) is an academic program that brings together students from universities across Canada to work on joint capstone projects. Each team works on an existing open-source project and uses a mix of agile and open-source processes under the supervision of a faculty or industry lead.

After teams are formed and an initial online meeting is held, UCOSP sponsors students to travel together to a central location for a weekend code sprint held early in the semester. Students meet their teammates and their mentor and work together on the projects. For the remainder of the semester, students continue working on their projects remotely, contributing about a dozen hours of work per week.

Last fall, 39 students from eight different schools across Canada worked on eight different open-source projects. To **find out more about what students worked on** [Click Here](#).

UCOSP is made possible by CIPS, the Canadian Association of Computer Science, and corporate sponsorship from O'Reilly, Google, the Jonah Group, and Research in Motion. If you want to find out more or follow the progress of the winter semester's projects, please visit our website: <http://ucosp.ca/>

I.S.P. EXAM CRAM (Saskatoon and Regina)

February 7 & 8, 2011 Saskatoon & February 10 & 11, 2011 Regina

A two day workshop preparing for and taking of ICCP examinations)

Event Synopsis: I.S.P. Exam Cram

The I.S.P. Boot Camp is making a stop in Saskatoon and Regina. This is a two day intensive training and professional development opportunity. The course prepares participants for the ICCP exams (take up to four examinations during the session) and how to apply for CIPS' I.S.P. designation (see <http://www.cips.ca/examRoute>)

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Microsoft and HP present: "Journey to the Cloud: Cloud Power with Gartner"

The building blocks of Cloud Computing

Join Microsoft and HP for an exclusive and informative session to learn more about Gartner's essential guidance on the transition to the Cloud, the role of Virtualization, and the building blocks of Private Clouds from the leading analyst on Virtualization and Cloud Computing, Thomas Bittman VP and Distinguished Analyst, Gartner Research.

Who should attend: VP of IT, Directors of IT, Lead Architects, IT Managers

Cities/ Dates:

Ottawa - March 03rd

Toronto - March 09th

Vancouver - March 16th

Calgary - March 17th

Montreal - April 07th

For more information regarding this event please email us at jttc@microsoft.com

ICTC Webinar: Human Resources Trends in IT Occupations

The Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC) is undertaking a comprehensive update of its *Outlook on Human Resources in the ICT Labour Market (2008-15)*. Picking up where the groundbreaking first edition left off, the new report will cover the 2011-16 period, providing an up-to-date forecast of labour market conditions in the dynamic ICT sector.

As someone who is knowledgeable about human resource trends affecting IT occupations, and for whom such trends are important, ICTC would greatly appreciate your valuable input. Your insights will guide the development of the Outlook. Specific discussion topics include:

- Labour market conditions
- Outsourcing, off shoring trends
- Technology trends
- Recruitment and Retention rates
- Diversity Trends
- Human Resource Challenges

We hope that you will be able to attend this **30 minute webinar**. Participation is limited, so please

register early.

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CIRA Celebrates the best in .CA websites: .CA IMPACT AWARDS

The Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) is pleased to announce the the .CA Impact Awards. CIRA recognizes the advances in Canada's digital front lines, and invites Canadians to celebrate the best .CA websites. Online is where Canadians and Canadian organizations live, and CIRA wants to honour those making our lives easier and better.

A **\$5,000** prize will be awarded to each winning website in four categories:

- Small Business - in recognition of independent business, this award celebrates a company whose website or application has helped a business contribute to its community, foster sales or create jobs
- eLearning - this award recognizes youth and educators using their .CA website to share knowledge with others and promote education
- Not-for-Profit - an NGO or association whose website or application is making a difference in the lives of members, donors of the public will be celebrated with this award
- Web Technology - this award recognizes individuals and organizations for innovation and impact in enhancing the speed, reliability, practicality and/or security of the Internet for all users

www.impactawards.ca is open to submissions from January 6, 2011 to March 25, 2011. Judging takes place during April 2011 and the winners will be announced at the Awards Gala on the opening night of [mesh 2011](#).

Interviews, Blogs & Podcasts by Stephen Ibaraki FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP/IP3P



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