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"What Does 'I.T. Professionalism' Mean to You?"

Comment on the CIPS LinkedIn Group

by Dec 31st 2011 and be Put in a Draw to

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CIPS Referendum Results

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CIPS is pleased to announce that the referendum on the constitution and bylaw changes was passed by the membership.

We required 33% of the members to vote and our participation rate was 36%. Of the 36% that voted, 93% voted in favour of the motion to approve the Constitution and Bylaw changes. We now move to implementation which can take 6-9 months to fully implement. Some of the tasks that need to be completed include: filing the new constitution with Industry Canada and obtaining their approval, signing the Provincial agreements, negotiating a new financial model with the Provincial Societies and making sure that any remaining members at large are firmly

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associated with a Provincial Society.

The winners of the prize draws for participants are as follows:
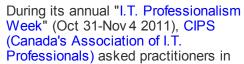
Six winners of the $50 Future Shop gift cards:

- Adele McDonald, Alberta Section
- Lemuel Murphy
- Aaron Sandler, Ottawa Section
- Kelly D'Eath, Alberta Section
- Suresh Chanmugam, Toronto Section
- Mark Olson, Alberta Section

Flip video camcorder:
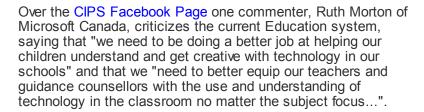Walter Ridgewell, Alberta Section.

Telepresence meeting:
Dalton Fluke

As Canada's Global I.T. Ranking Falls, the I.T. Community Speaks Out

The Economist Intelligence Unit's International I.T. Competitiveness Index, recently released for 2011 by the Business Software Alliance, shows that Canada has fallen from fourth to seventh place in Information Technology. This is compared to growth in other countries, including the developing nation of India, as well as Mexico, Malaysia and Singapore.

During its annual "I.T. Professionalism Week" (Oct 31-Nov 4 2011), CIPS (Canada's Association of I.T. Professionals) asked practitioners in the Canadian I.T. community over Facebook and LinkedIn what the country should do to stop its fall in Global I.T. Competitiveness.

Over the CIPS Facebook Page one commenter, Ruth Morton of Microsoft Canada, criticizes the current Education system, saying that "we need to be doing a better job at helping our children understand and get creative with technology in our schools" and that we "need to better equip our teachers and guidance counsellors with the use and understanding of technology in the classroom no matter the subject focus...".

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'Father of computing' says we're vulnerable to attack

Gotlieb says consequences 'unimaginable' - By Carla Wilson, Times Colonist Nov 11, 2011

The "father of computing in Canada" is urging stronger efforts to safeguard systems controlling vital infrastructure from attacks.

Computing pioneer Calvin (Kelly) Gotlieb said computer systems running operations such as power grids, hospitals and airports should be protected at all costs to avoid "unimaginable consequences."

Gotlieb, 90, was in Victoria on Thursday to accept an honorary doctorate of engineering from the University of Victoria, the latest of many honours he has received nationally and internationally.

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On November 10th 2011 Kelly Gotlieb Received an Honorary Degree from University of Victoria, followed by a Reception held by CIPS BC

From Left to Right: Mukesh Kashyap, I.S.P., ITCP, Ian Frazer, I.S.P., ITCP, Calvin C Gotlieb, FCIPS, Blaine Bey, I.S.P., ITCP, Jon Nightingale, HonFCIPS, I.S.P.(ret.)

The Canadian Coalition for Tomorrow's ICT Skills (CCICT): Changing perceptions about ICT-related careers

The Canadian Coalition for Tomorrow's ICT Skills (CCICT) is an industry-led coalition of employers, universities and industry organizations, founded by Bell Canada in 2007. The CCICT aim is to ensure that Canadian organizations can hire the information and communications technology (ICT) professionals they need to meet the changing and diverse needs of the 21st century workforce. The CCICT seeks to achieve practical solutions to an alarming decline in ICT-related post-secondary enrolments (30-40%), historically low female participation (25%), and significant shifts in demand - against the backdrop of a growing need for every industry to embrace the tools and methods of the knowledge economy. Career choosers and their advisors (parents, teachers, the media) often don't know about the exciting ways that ICT-related careers are changing.

Business Technology Management - an undergraduate degree that combines business, ICT and real world experience

Designed by a national CCICT committee of leading employers and university educators, the Business Technology Management (BTM) is the digital economy version of Management Information Systems (MIS) and similar programs. It includes technical skills, ICT

knowledge, leadership, business analysis, and project management skills and provides a key component that manages the transition from graduation to employment.

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CIPS and CCICT create new joint Business Technology Management Accreditation Council (BTMAC)

The CCICT's Business Technology Management (BTM) addresses the biggest, fastest growing issue in the ICT labour market: the need for professionals with a combination of business, leadership, communication, problem-solving, project management, and ICT capabilities. Some 200,000 of Canada's 700,000 ICT professionals are in such jobs, which include roles like Chief Information Officer, IT manager, entrepreneur, consultant, business analyst, project manager - and many more. Over the past 10 years, annual demand for business/technology professionals has grown at a rate of 8%. Around a dozen universities across the country are now offering the BTM. employment.

Following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CIPS and CCICT to enter into a partnership whereby CIPS would provide accreditation services for BTM program, a BTM Accreditation Council (BTMAC) has now been formed. BTMAC will have authorities, roles and responsibilities similar to those of other CIPS Accreditation Councils.

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Licensing Simplified - At Home and At Work

I'm Rick Claus, Senior Technical Evangelist with Microsoft Canada. I work on a team that is tasked with trying to help YOU by providing resources, answering questions and generally trying to set you up for success with Microsoft-based solutions.

We've received some great feedback lately from our IT community about Licensing. Whether you need to buy one license from a traditional retail store or explore options for a more flexible volume licensing program, it can be confusing and sometimes downright intimidating to figure out what you need. After doing a little digging - I've highlighted some resources you can use to help figure out exactly what you need when you talk with your software reseller.

Speaking of licensing - I often get asked if I can back up our claims at a more cost effective Virtualization solution for your server rooms. I dug up a great - no nonsense breakdown on recent licensing changes in the industry and how our offering stacks up.

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3rd Annual Public Sector CIO Forum

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January 31 – February 1, 2012 | Ottawa

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A sample of speakers scheduled to attend:

- Stephane Cousineau - *Chief Information Officer* **Elections Canada**
- Bruce Covington - *Director, Document Imaging Services*, **Public Works and Government Services Canada**
- Rudy de Sa - *Chief Information Officer, Director General*, **Health Canada**
- Stephanie Kirkland - *Director General*, **Citizenship and Immigration Canada**

Some of the key topics that will be discussed:

- The Vision and Plan for Effective IT Service Delivery in Government
- **Case Study:**Change Management - Effectively Managing Transition to a Shared Service Environment
- Improving Interoperability and Information Sharing Across the Public Sect**or**
- **Case Study:** Identifying Opportunities for Innovative, Cost Effective and High ROI Solutions
- **Case Study:**Mobile Workforce - Enhanced Service Delivery Through Secure and Effective Mobile Apps
- **Case Study:**Emerging Trends in Municipal Government IT

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Survey: ROI Use in IT Spend Decisions

Hello, My name is Nelson Tkatch and I am completing an M.Sc. in Information Systems Management through the University of Liverpool (UK).

My dissertation is a study of the use of Return on Investment (ROI) in IT spend decision-making. The aim of my research is to confirm whether ROI really warrants being relied upon in the IT spend decision-making process.

In addition to a review of both academic and industry literature I have developed a survey to gather industry input, as my 30 years experience in IT has shown me that it's critical to bring theory and practice together to get a balanced picture.

I would like to invite anyone involved in the IT spend decision-making process - from developing business cases and cost-benefit studies to stakeholders and managers who make the decisions - to take the survey. I am particularly eager to have as much policy-maker participation as possible, namely the C-level, such as CFOs and CIOs, or equivalent. If you are not a manager yourself I would be grateful for you bringing this survey to the attention of your IT and Finance management teams.

The survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete and can be accessed at the following URL:http://app.fluidsurveys.com/s/roi-use-in-IT/, and will be available for through December 16, 2011.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort in assisting with my research.

Kind regards,

Nelson Tkatch, I.S.P.

Other News

- REGINA LUNCHEON - "The Future of Computer Science Education in Saskatchewan"
- Cloud Computing Security Knowledge- Basic
- CIPS NL Thirsty Thursday
- Edmonton Wine and Cheese Social
- CIPS Alberta - Calgary December Luncheon Meeting
- CIPS Toronto Event: EMBA Benefit Information Session and The Future of Professions
- IP3 Releases Annual Report
- CIPS NL Supports the Stuff-A-Sock Campaign
- Namir Anani, New President and CEO of ICTC

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

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New:
Professor Gabriel Wainer, Multi-awarding Winning Top Researcher

Dr. Roy Want, International Much Awarded Top Researcher in Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing, Chair ACM SIGMOBILE and Chair [ACM] Mobility Tech Pack Committee

Featured:
Eddie Boles, Microsoft Career Factor Idol Winner - The DIY IT Professional

Chats with Kelly Gotlieb, Internationally Renowned Pioneer in Computing - Kelly talks about his Lecture at the University of Toronto, his 90th birthday celebrations and reflecting back

Dr. Balaji Venkataraman: Top Global Educational and ICT Authority and Visionary, Director Technology & Knowledge Management Commonwealth of Learning, World Technology Award Recipient, Director Global Industry Council

Neil Simon, Microsoft Career Factor Idol Winner in Cloud Computing - The Azure Developer, Chief Scientist and Senior Engineer, Keynote Session Speaker "24 Hours in the Cloud"

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